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1-4-90

## Sanderford is getting tough with Lady Tops

Paul Sanderford is getting tough.

His Lady Toppers are learning that one lapse of concentration in practice can result in a scathing, face-to-face oratory from their coach.

Senior Michelle Clark learned on Monday that an excuse can get one thrown out of practice.

Now, as Sanderford always likes to say, there is a method to his madness. In fact, he thinks he's found the key to finally getting the Lady Toppers back on course with their preseason expectations.

It's called mental toughness. Sanderford feels the Lady Toppers lack in that area. He's letting them know about it.

Just ask Kim Pehlke. Tuesday was Pehlke day in practice. Everything she did wrong, she heard about it.

"Kim Pehlke, are your feet nailed to the floor?" Sanderford asked, his voice melting the paint in Diddle Arena.

"No," Pehlke answered shyly.

"Well then MOVE! GET OPEN!"

Pehlke, a sophomore, knew how to take it.

"I had a bad day in practice, and he was doing his job as a coach and letting me know about it," she said. "He's trying to make us a better basketball team. That's all."

Sanderford says the new approach came from watching the Lady Toppers lose too many games they should've won. He says a little mental toughness wouldn't've made a big difference.

"We get a little tired or the other team makes a run, and we stop concentrating," he said. "Then we make all kinds of mistakes and the whole thing just snowballs."

"We need to be able to play and concentrate when the chips are down. We need to be more mentally tough."

Some mental toughness might've made a difference in games like the 64-58 loss to Nevada-Las Vegas, one of the top teams in the country. The Lady Toppers gained a 58-57 lead late but didn't seem to respond when UNLV began to make a run.

UNLV scored on its end, and the Lady Toppers failed to execute their offense.

That's just one example. In six losses, there have been plenty more.

Sanderford will find out how much his mental toughness theme is working tonight when the Lady Toppers play at fifth-ranked Tennessee. Clark responded well.

"She came back to practice the next day and worked as hard as anybody ever has," Sanderford said.

Tonight's game is a chance for Western to realize one of its preseason goals — to beat a team most people think Western shouldn't beat.

A lot has happened since Sanderford set out his preseason goals, which included winning a game in the NCAA Tournament. There was a five-game losing streak. Western lost its first six road games before demolishing lowly Lafayette 93-47 at Villanova's holiday tournament.

But Sanderford thinks he has the answer.

"I've made a lot of mistakes with this team, and we as a coaching staff are trying to correct that right now," he said. "We still think we can have a good basketball team. Nobody's giving up as long as Paul Sanderford's in charge."

Selective service

Graduate assistant Shannon Collins, a former All-American at Centre College, and even yours truly have been pressed into service in practice recently.

This is because of a rash of injuries and illnesses.

Tandrea Green, the senior forward and leading scorer, has been wearing a wrist brace on her shooting arm this week. Her practicing has been limited to conditioning drills.

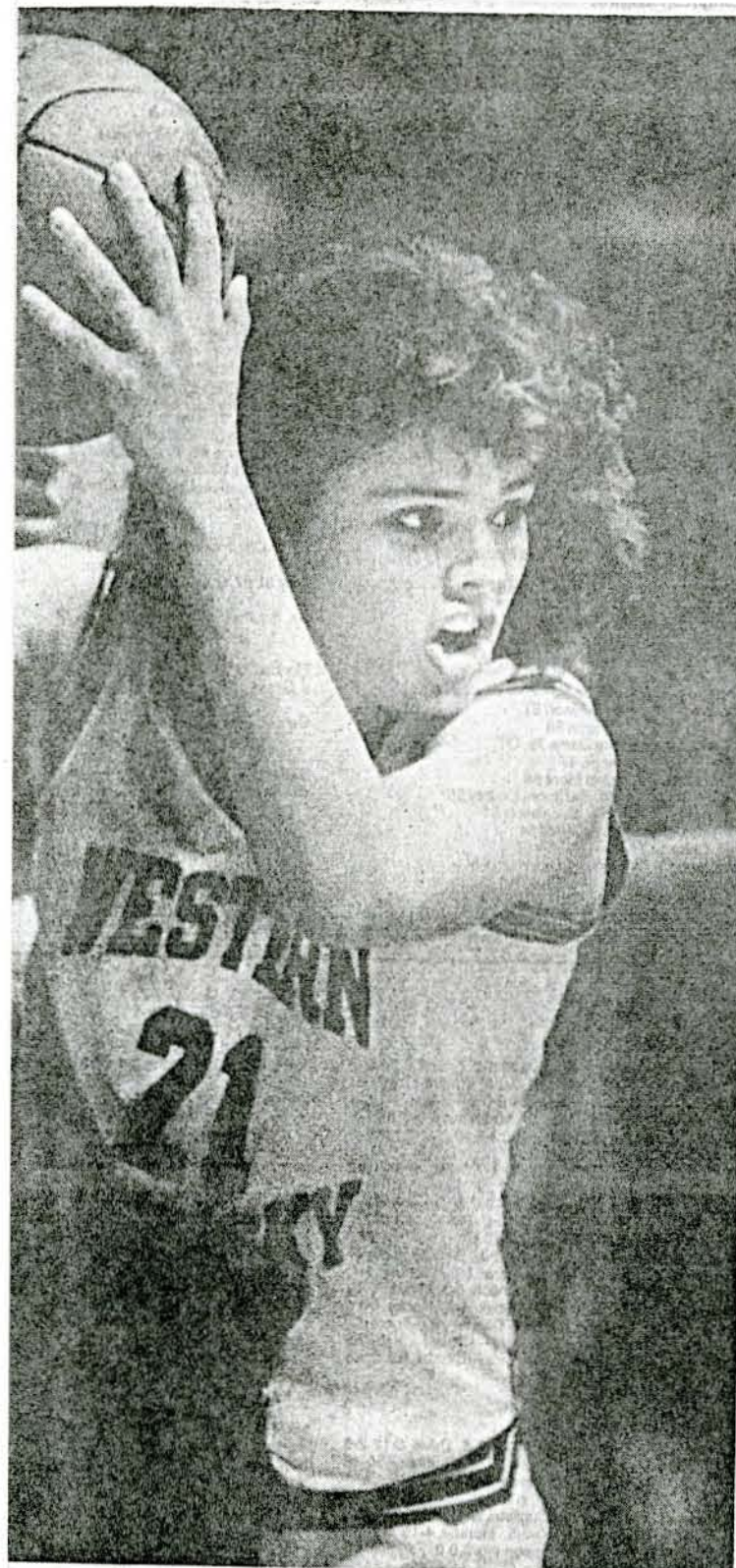
She developed swelling on her lower arm after jamming her thumb against Alabama. But she is expected to play tonight.

Junior Maria Teal has had bronchitis and a throat infection, and sophomore Staci Payne has a severely pulled hamstring.

All of this has left the Lady Toppers shorthanded, and when I showed up for practice Wednesday in my athletic duds I was pressed into service along with assistant Steve Small, Collins and two other onlookers.

We formed a team that tried to score against a new defense Western has been working on for Tennessee.

Observations? Kim Norman is a good, physical defensive player who can plant a strong forearm in the chest. A collision with Mary Taylor while driving to the basket can be quite jarring. And Trina Wilson is very much the athlete they say she is...I'm still looking for the ball I shot.



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a 16-point outing against Lafayette in the Havoline Wildcat Christmas Classic at Villanova.

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## Pehlke doesn't regret picking WKU over UT

By JOE MEDLEY

Daily News Sports Editor

Kim Pehlke still feels she made the right decision when she chose Western Kentucky University's women's basketball team over Tennessee's.

"After (Tennessee) won the national championship last year, people at home asked me if I had any regrets," said Pehlke, a sophomore. "I don't have any regrets. I'm glad I came here."

In fact, Pehlke said there's not team she'd like to beat more than Tennessee, and she'll get her chance when the Lady Toppers play the fifth-ranked Lady Vols at 6:30 tonight at Knoxville, Tenn.

"I really got up for this game last year, and I'm up for it this year," Pehlke said. "I think the whole team is up."

In case one just tuned in, Pehlke has been up lately. She's coming off her best game of the season with a 16-point performance in a 93-47 win over Lafayette.

But it was more than her points. Pehlke says she may finally have all parts of her game together.

"There were games where I shot well, and there were games where I handled the ball well," Pehlke said. "But that was the first time I put everything together."

"It was undoubtedly the best game she played all year," Western coach Paul Sanderford said. "She's scored a lot of points before, but against Lafayette she did what she's capable of doing — she got everybody else involved and made everybody else on the team a better player."

This season didn't get off to a

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good start for Pehlke, who was Miss. Kentucky Basketball at Louisville Doss High School in her senior season.

Pehlke tore a cartilage in her knee and missed weeks of practice. She didn't play in Western's first few games, and it took some time before she was ready for the starting lineup.

Then there were games where she struggled from the field, shooting airballs and committing turnovers.

"I needed a game like the Lafayette game," Pehlke said. "I think my confidence picked up a little bit after that game."

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt has a lot of respect for Pehlke. Summitt recruited Pehlke hard two years ago.

Instead, Summitt got another Louisville product — 1989 Miss. Basketball Lisa Harrison. Harrison is starting at forward as a freshman and scoring 7.6 points a game to go with her 6.1 rebounds.

The Lady Vols (8-3) are led by 6-3 junior center Daedra Charles, who scores 15.2 points and gets eight rebounds. Sophomore Dena Head (11.1 ppg) and senior Tonya Edwards (10.3 ppg) start at the guards. Junior forward Carla McGhee (8.6 ppg, 6.1 rebounds), at 6-3, rounds out the starting lineup.

Western will start Pehlke (9.5 ppg) and junior Kelly Smith (5.8 ppg, 3.2 assists) at the guards, senior Tandrea Green (16.6 ppg, 7.7 rebounds) and junior Mary Taylor (10.1 ppg, 5.8 rebounds) at the forwards and senior Michelle Clark (8.9 ppg, 7.3 rebounds) at center.



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# 37-percent shooting Western's downfall

A Daily News report 1-5-90

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — It's just like Paul Sanderford to blast his team after a 46-point win and praise the Lady Toppers after a 20-point loss.

Coach Sanderford was less than pleased with Western Kentucky University's women's basketball team after a 93-47 win over Lafayette last week.

One week and Thursday's 78-58 loss to fifth-ranked Tennessee later, he's feeling better.

"We're a much better basketball team than we were a week ago," Sanderford said. "We'll be a much better team a week from now."

"If we keep improving this much from week to week, we'll be a good basketball team in February."

According to Sanderford, the Lady Toppers "looked like a team that knew what it wanted to do and executed well" in Thursday's loss. "We didn't have the helter-skelter play and lapses of concentration" of the Lafayette game and many before it.

And indeed, Thursday's game was closer than the score indicated.

Western (4-7) jumped out to a 7-0 lead and stayed within striking distance until the last five minutes of the game, when the Lady Vols went on a 19-7 run to fatten the margin.

Western pulled to within 59-49 before the Tennessee run.

"We showed ourselves and everyone else that we can play physically with people like Tennessee," Sanderford said. "They didn't push us around out there. We played hard."

What hurt Western was, you guessed it, shooting. The Lady Toppers shot 37 percent for the game, and shooting has been a problem all season.

The Lady Toppers went 0 for 5 during a five-minute stretch in the first half, and Tennessee (9-3) went on a 12-0 run to take a 26-18 lead.

The gameplan, Sanderford said, was to get sophomore guard Kim Pehlke open for outside shots. But Pehlke was 0 for 9 in the first half and finished with two points on 1 for 14 shooting.

"Kim Pehlke was 0 for 9 in the first half, and all but one or two of those were good shots," Sanderford said. "She's not going to shot that poorly often. If she hits some of those shots, we could've been eight or nine points up at halftime."

The only Lady Topper who shot well was senior forward Tandreia Green, who led all scorers with 28 points on a 10 of 19 night.

Sophomore Trina Wilson, a 6-5 center who got her first start, scored 10 points and held Tennessee star center Daedra Charles to 12 points, three below her average.

"I thought Trina Wilson played a good ballgame," Sanderford said. "She did a nice job on Charles and gave us some scoring down low."

Tennessee got 17 points from forward Carla McGhee, 14 from Charles, 11 from Kelli Casteel and 10 from reserve guard Jody Adams.

But Western led until the eight-minute mark of the first half. After Tennessee tied the score at 10-10, Western got two baskets from Green while moving back out to an 18-12 lead.

But the Lady Toppers hit their 0 for 5 spell, and Tennessee took the lead for good when Adams sank a 10-footer to make it 19-18.

Charles hit from 15 feet to make it 30-20, and the Lady Vols led 32-22 at halftime.

"There's no question that the lapse in shooting in the first half hurt us," Sanderford said.

Dena Head opened the second half with a quick layup for Tennessee, and Western answered with a turnover. The Lady Vols led 38-22 at 18:30.

Western pulled to within 11 points twice before cutting it to 59-49.

Western (58)  
Green 10-19 8-10 28, Taylor 2-4 1-1 5, Wilson 5-5 0-0 10, Pehlke 1-14 0-1 2, Smith 2-6 2-2 6, Clark 2-6 1-2 5, Westmoreland 0-2 0-0 0, Benymann 0-3 0-0 0, Norman 1-1 0-0 2, Crutcher 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-61, 12-16 58.

Tennessee (78)  
Harrison 4-7 0-0 8, McGhee 7-10 3-5 17, Charles 7-12 0-0 14, Head 2-4 2-3 6, Edwards 0-3 0-0 0, Clark 3-5 0-1 6, Casteel 4-6 3-4 11, Adams 3-6 2-2 10, Scott 2-6 0-1 4, Hawhee 0-1 2-2 2, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Moore 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-61 12-18 78.

Halftime score — Tennessee 32, Western 22. 3-point shooting — Western 0-2 (Pehlke 0-2), Tennessee 2-3 (Adams 2-3). Rebounding — Western 35 (Green 7), Tennessee 36 (McGhee 8). Assists — Western 6 (Green, Taylor, Pehlke, Smith, Westmoreland and Benymann 1), Tennessee 21 (Head 7). Turnovers — Western 19, Tennessee 14. Total fouls — Western 18, Tennessee 15. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — none. A — unknown.

# Western falls to Lady Vols 78-58

From Special and AP Dispatches

C.J. 1-5-90  
Carla McGhee scored 17 points and had a game-high eight rebounds last night to lead the fifth-ranked Tennessee women's basketball team to a 78-58 victory over Western Kentucky.

The Lady Toppers (4-7) led 18-12 with 10:18 left in the first half, but Tennessee closed out the period with a 20-4 run, including 14 straight points, to take a 32-22 halftime lead.

The Lady Vols (9-3) never trailed in the second half, although Western closed within 10 points with 6:57 remaining. But Tennessee finished the game with a 19-9 run.

Tandreia Green led Western Ken-

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tucky with 28 points.

**Louisville 88, Detroit 74:** The Lady Cards (8-2) extended their winning streak to seven with a victory at home as Stacey DeGraffenreid led the way with 19 points.

U of L forced Detroit (1-9) into 29 turnovers and outrebounded the Titans 49-46.

**Murray 48, Iona College 32:** Senior point guard Melissa Huffman scored a career-high 24 points yesterday to lead Murray (5-

5) in the Florida International Fun and Sun Classic at Miami.

Freshman forward Rita Bryars came off the bench and scored 16 points in 10 minutes for Murray (5-5).

**Morehead 71, Coastal Carolina 63:** Forward Julie Magrane had 13 points and nine rebounds as Morehead (4-5) beat visiting Coastal Carolina (0-8).

**Northern Kentucky 72, Indianapolis 60:** Sophomore forward Amy Middleton had a career-high 23 points and 18 rebounds to lead Northern (9-1, 2-0) to a Great Lakes Valley Conference victory at Indianapolis (5-6, 1-2).

At Knoxville  
WESTERN KENTUCKY 58 (22-36) — Green 28, Taylor 5, Wilson 10, Pehlke 2, Smith 6, Clark 5, Norman 2.  
TENNESSEE 78 (32-46) — Harrison 8, McGhee 17, Charles 14, Head 6, Clark 6, Casteel 11, Adams 10, Scott 4, Hawhee 2.  
3-point goals — Adams 2.



## Western jolts No. 4 Texas; LSU nips UK in overtime

From Special Dispatches

Western Kentucky sank 6 of 7 free throws in the final minute — including 4 of 4 by junior guard Kelly Smith — as the unranked Lady Hilltoppers shocked No. 4 Texas 61-56 in women's basketball before a crowd estimated at 3,000 last night in Diddle Arena.

"I knew this was going to be a difficult game for us to win," said Texas coach Jody Conradt. "I've never seen a team feed off its home crowd like Western Kentucky. This is a high-strung crowd, and it's just a tough place to win ballgames. I should know."

Conradt was alluding to a 1985 NCAA Mideast Regional semifinal, when the host Lady Toppers upset Texas on a last-second shot.

The key to last night's victory was a 45-33 rebounding edge for the shorter Lady Toppers. Mary Taylor led all rebounders with 11 and scored 10 points.

Tandrea Green paced Western (5-7) with 19 points, and freshman Kim Pehlke added 16. Texas (9-2) got 14 points from Cinieta Henderson and 12 from Edna Campbell.

"We have got to be the best 5-7 team in the country," said Western coach Paul Sanderford. "I hope this turns things around for us. It's been a tough year."

**LSU 80, Kentucky 79:** Shei-

At Bowling Green, Ky.  
TEXAS 56 (27-29) — Anderson 8, Vall 7, Henderson 14, McBride 4, Pointer 4, Campbell 12, Clayborn 7, Bayer 2.  
WESTERN KENTUCKY 61 (25-38) — Taylor 10, Green 19, Wilson 2, Smith 8, Pehlke 16, Teal 4, Westmoreland 2.  
3-point goals — Pehlke 2.

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la Johnson's basket with eight seconds left in overtime gave 16th-ranked Louisiana State the Southeastern Conference victory after the host Lady Kats lost a nine-point lead in the final 7:12 of regulation time.

UK had a chance to win with two seconds left in regulation, but Lisa Ellis missed a pair of free throws with the score tied at 75. Freshman Mia Daniel hit two foul shots with 31 seconds left in overtime to put Kentucky ahead 79-78 and set the stage for Johnson's game-winner.

UK's Malinka Salhi then missed a layup at the buzzer.

The loss was the second in a row after nine straight victories for the Lady Kats (11-3, 0-2). LSU improved to 11-2 and 1-1.

April Delley led the visitors with a career-high 31 points, hitting 13 of 16 field-goal attempts. Johnson added 23 points and a career-best 16 rebounds. Ellis led UK with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

**Bellarmino 70, Ashland 51:** Sophomore forward Sharonda O'Bannon had 11 points, nine rebounds and five steals as the Belles (10-3, 4-1) whipped visiting Ashland (7-4, 3-2) in a Great Lakes Valley Conference game.

# Long, tall 'Horns look

By JOE MEDLEY 1-11-70  
Daily News Sports Editor

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It's the question Texas women's basketball coach Jody Conradt grew tired of.

And how the Lady Longhorns have answered.

When former All-American Clarissa Davis was at Texas, she was usually the topic of conversation.

Now that Davis has graduated, guess whom Texas fans like to talk about.

"It's the question that we kept hearing — can we win without Clarissa Davis," Conradt said. "I think we're showing that the answer is 'yes.'"

Fourth-ranked Texas, 9-1, has showed that there's life after Davis.

In fact, Conradt says the team that will play Western at 7 tonight in Diddle Arena is much better than last year's squad.

Western coach Paul Sanderford toasted Texas.

"I think they're not only better, they're probably a Final Four team," he said.

That leaves Western (4-7) a tough hill to climb as the Lady Toppers try to get their season turned around.

Not only has Texas won without Davis, but they've done it in impressive fashion.

"The main thing is that we had to play a lot of young people last year, and that's paying off this year,"

Conradt said. "We've been able to run up and down even more."

"Texas is the best running team in the nation — including Long Beach State," Sanderford said. "They're the kind of team that can embarrass you quickly."

Conradt has even found a leader to step in and take over where Davis left off.

Edna Campbell, who probably won't play tonight with a stress fracture, has been a leader. Sophomore forward Vicki Hall, 6-1, is scoring 16 points and getting 7.5 rebounds a game.

Hall has "waited her whole life to

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be one to step up and take charge, and now she's doing a good job of that," Conradt said.

"Vicki Hall does a lot of things well," Sanderford said. "She can shoot, pass and play defense. She's a smart player."

Susan Anderson, one of two 6-4 starters, gets 9.7 points a game at forward. Cinieta Henderson is the other 6-4 player, and she pours in 10.6 points and hauls in 6.3 rebounds.

Senior Lyssa McBride and junior Amy Claborn are expected to start at the guards, but sophomore Johna Pointer has been hot coming off the bench. Pointer has scored 49 points in her last four games and could start tonight.

Western, coming off of a 78-58

loss a Tennessee, is led by senior Tandrea Green at 14.6 points and 7.6 boards a game.

Green scored 28 points against Tennessee. She's the only Lady Topper starter averaging in double figures.

Sophomore center Trina Wilson, 6-5, started and scored a career-high 10 points against Tennessee. She'll start tonight as senior Michelle Clark battles back spasms.

Junior Mary Taylor rounds out the front court.

At the guards will be sophomore Kim Pehlke and junior Kelly Smith.

Western showed improvement in the Tennessee game. The Lady Toppers were in the game until late.

"We looked like a team that knew what it wanted to do," Sand-

erford said. "We showed a great deal of improvement, and I think we've gotten better in a week of practice."

Conradt expects a tough game in Diddle Arena, where her Lady Longhorns lost to Western in the NCAA Tournament in 1985.

"I've certainly learned that Diddle Arena is one of the toughest places to play in the country," Conradt said. "I also think Western is a much better team than its record indicates."

Sanderford agrees.

"There just aren't many teams that can come into Diddle Arena and blow us out," he said. "Maybe Texas is one of those teams, but we plan give them a game."



# Small's predictions of success now appear to be true

By JOE MEDLEY  
Daily News Sports Editor

It was about two weeks ago — in the days of Lady Topper despair, when the team was learning the hard lessons of mental toughness — that assistant coach Steve Small flicked the Bic of hope.

While the Lady Toppers huffed and puffed and head coach Paul Sanderford blew down the wall between his team and its high preseason hopes, Small walked quietly off to the side and made a prediction.

"Look out! Here it comes!" Small said two days before a 20-point loss at Tennessee. "This team is just about ready to bust out of it."

"Come mid-January and February, these girls are going to be beating people."

Someone check Small's crystal ball and get it certified. It's about mid-January, and the Lady Toppers are coming off a program-renewing 61-56 win over fourth-ranked Texas.

It was a 92-90 win over Texas in the 1985 NCAA Tournament that solidified Western as a national contender. Western went on to two Final Fours and four more NCAA dates.

Sanderford and Small hope that the latest win over Texas will be the beginning of more good things, especially as the Lady Toppers head into today's 2:30 p.m. Sun Belt Conference opener against South Florida in Diddle Arena.

But if Thursday's win over Texas is to be the rebirth of the Lady Toppers' program, which suffered through some of the worst times in recent years this season, Sanderford said the Lady Toppers need to forget about the win.

"The big key is going to be coming down off a big win over

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Texas," Sanderford said. "We've got to get back down to earth and realize how important each Sun Belt game is."

The Lady Toppers (5-7) are trying for the top seed in the Sun Belt Tournament, which is set for March 8-10 at Old Dominion.

Western needs all of the home league wins it can get with dates at South Alabama, at Alabama Birmingham and at North Carolina Charlotte ahead.

South Florida (7-7) is a much-improved team under Coach Trudi Lacey. She was the Sun Belt Coach of the Year last season.

The Bulls will present the Lady Toppers with some familiar problems.

"They like to change up their defenses and use different zone looks that have given us problems this year," Sanderford said.

Coming off Friday's 79-65 loss at Middle Tennessee, South Florida is led by 5-6 sophomore guard Angie Snyder. She scores 17.8 points a game.

Also averaging in double figures are 5-8 senior guard Jackie Eisenhower (13.2) and 5-9 sophomore forward Eric Moore (12.2).

Stephanie Preston, a 5-11 freshman center, is the leading rebounder a 8.7 a game. Pam Pinkney, a 5-10 junior forward, rounds out the starting lineup.

Western will go with senior Tandraia Green (17.8 ppg, 7.6 rpg) and junior Mary Taylor (9.7 ppg, 6.0 rpg) at the forwards, sophomore Trina Wilson (4.4 ppg, 3.9 rpg), and junior Kelly Smith and sophomore Kim Pehlke at the guards.

# WKU beats No. 4

By ANDY DENNIS  
Daily News Sports Writer

Somewhere between the islands of Bermuda and the eastern coast of Florida lies the dreaded "Bermuda Triangle", where many people have disappeared in shipwrecks without a trace.

For the University of Texas Lady Longhorns (9-2), the equivalent of that dreaded stretch of ocean is Diddle Arena. That's where Western upset the fourth-ranked Lady Longhorns, 61-56 on Thursday night.

In 1985 on its way to the Final Four, Western defeated the then top-ranked and undefeated Lady Longhorns in Diddle Arena in the NCAA tournament to squash their dreams of a national title.

"I've had the most devastating losses of my career in this place," said Texas coach Jody Conradt. "You feel like you've walked into the Bermuda Triangle."

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Naw, just little old Diddle Arena, where 3,000 fans screamed enough on Thursday to send more than a few chills down Conradt's spine. Conradt said the crowd was a factor.

"I've never seen a team that feeds from its home crowd like Western," she said.

For Western (5-7), the upset win couldn't have come at a better time, unless it was in March during the NCAA Tournament. But Western coach Paul Sanderford said the victory was a real boost to the team's morale and should provide some momentum going into Saturday's game against Sun Belt Conference foe South Florida.

"I said at Knoxville the other night that we were the best 4-7 team in the country," he remarked after

the game. "The good Lord smiled on us tonight."

The heavens may have noticed Western needed some help on the boards as the shorter Lady Toppers knocked and banged the taller Texas team all evening and ended up with a 45-33 edge on the boards.

But the pace of the game — slow — also was a key to the win. "Tempo was the key," Sanderford said. "We said coming in that we couldn't run with Texas. They got two transition baskets all night. Of the films I'd seen, they were getting 20 or 22 points off their running game."

Western also slammed the door on the offensive game of Texas' leading scorer Vicki Hall, who came into the contest with a 17-point average, but scored only seven

# Texas in thriller

points.

Kelly Smith drew the assignment of guarding Hall during the game, often in triangle-and-two or box-and-one defenses, which are designed to shut down one or more players.

"(The defense) bothered me," Hall said. "It's tough when people are following you around wherever you go."

"It's no secret that everybody we play is going to try to shut down Vicki Hall," Conradt said.

But Smith humbly credited the poor offensive performance of Hall to her own bad luck. "She had an off night," Smith said of Hall. "My role on this team is to do the little things."

Little things often mean a great deal in basketball. Smith played 35 minutes at the point guard position and committed only two turnovers. "My main role is to distribute the

ball to the right people in the right spots," she said.

Smith's main targets for passes on Thursday were Tandraia Green, who had 19 points, and guard Kim Pehlke, who scored 16. Forward Mary Taylor managed 10 points and also led all rebounders with 11 caroms.

Lyssa McBride led Texas with 14 points. Edna Campbell contributed 12.

Green said the team concept came into play against Texas. "The big difference tonight was that we played much more like a team," she said. "We were patient. We got a lot of ball reversal and we got a lot of offensive rebounds tonight."

Western also hit the clutch free throws. Freshman Renee Westmoreland calmly sank both ends of a bonus free throw opportunity with 1:03 to play to put the Lady Toppers up by three, 57-54.

After Texas' Amy Claborn sank two free throws on the next possession cutting the lead back to one point at 57-56 with 53 seconds remaining, Smith sank another two charity tosses, followed by two more with eight seconds left to ice the win.

Western will tackle South Florida at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Diddle Arena.

**Western-Texas (56)**  
Anderson 2-8 0-0 2-4 6, Hall 3-17 0-4 1-1 7, Henderson 4-7 0-0 6-9 14, McBride 2-5 0-2 0-0 4, Pointer 2-5 0-1 0-0 4, Campbell 4-7 0-0 4-4 12, Claborn 1-2 0-0 5-8 7, Clark 0-0 0-0 0-0 0, Bayer 0-0 0-0 2-2 2, Meeks 0-0 0-0 0-0 0.

**Western (61)**  
Taylor 3-9 0-0 4-5 10, Green 8-14 0-0 3-6 19, Wilson 1-5 0-0 0-2 2, Smith 0-4 0-1 8-8 8, Pehlke 6-12 2-6 2-2 16, Teal 2-10 0-0 0-0 4, Westmoreland 0-1 0-1 2-2 2, Berryman 0-2 0-1 0-0 0, Clark 0-0 0-0 0-0 0, Payne 0-0 0-0 0-0 0.

**Halftime score** — Texas 27, Western 25. **Rebounding** — Western 45 (Taylor 11), Texas 33 (Anderson 8). **Assists** — Texas 7 (Claborn 3), Western 6 (Smith 2). **Turnovers** — Western 16, Texas 15. **Total fouls** — Western 20, Texas 20. **Fouled out** — none. **Technical fouls** — none. **A**—3,000 est.



# Taylor gets 'passing grade' in victory

By DARYLL S. CROUCH  
Daily News Sports Writer

Emotional ups and downs from game to game are a natural fact of college basketball.

Why then, was Western Kentucky University coach Paul Sanderford so upset with his Lady Toppers after Sunday's 85-71 home win over South Florida — especially since it came off the heels of Western's electrifying upset of fourth-ranked Texas last week?

"I can't be critical of our effort, but we definitely had a big mental letdown coming off the Texas game, and there's really no excuse for it," Sanderford said. "South Florida deserves some credit too. They haven't been playing well, but they came in here and played well against us."

"I wasn't pleased with our offensive game or our rebounding. We gave up 13 offensive rebounds, and that's way too many. And, other than Mary Taylor, I wouldn't give any other of my players a passing grade on offense."

Perfectionist is Sanderford.

A few mental lapses notwithstanding, the Lady Toppers (6-7) had little trouble handling any defense USF (7-8) threw at them. Here's the proof:

—Kelly Smith finished with nine assists, and none came on the fast break. Western amassed 20 assists, and most of them came off bounce passes from the top of the key to Taylor in the lane for easy scores. Taylor went 6 for 6 from the field in the first half and finished with 19 points. Smith ranks fourth on Western's all-time women's assist list.

—South Florida didn't pick up a steal off an interior pass until nearly five minutes elapsed in the second half.

—The Lady Toppers shot 67 per-

## Statistics

**SOUTH FLORIDA (71)** — Pinckney 1-5 3-4 5, Moore 3-12 3-6 9, Turner 2-6 0-0 4, Eisenhauer 7-14 5-7 20, Snyder 10-18 4-5 27, Chestham 2-5 0-0 4, Poore 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 26-61 15-22 71.

**WESTERN (85)** — Taylor 8-13 3-4 19, Green 2-9 5-8 9, Wilson 4-7 4-7 12, Smith 0-2 0-0 0, Pehlke 7-10 5-6 21, Teal 3-5 0-0 6, Westmoreland 1-2 2-4 4, Berryman 1-2 2-2 4, Crutcher 0-1 3-4 3, Norman 2-3 1-1 5, Clark 1-3 0-2 2, Payne 0-0 0-0 0. Totals — 29-57 25-38 85.

Halftime score — Western 40, South Florida 33. 3-point goals — South Florida 4-5 (Eisenhauer 1-2, Snyder 3-3), Western 2-6 (Green 0-1, Smith 0-1, Pehlke 2-3, Westmoreland 0-1). Rebounds — South Florida 34 (Pinckney 8), Western 40 (Green 8). Assists — South Florida 12 (Eisenhauer 6), Western 20 (Smith 9). Total fouls — South Florida 27, Western 20. Fouled out — Turner, Green. Technical fouls — Pinckney, A — 1, 800.

cent in the first half and made just over 50 percent of their shots for the game.

If that's the downside to Western's game, the rollercoaster should be on the upward swing by Wednesday's encounter with Vanderbilt.

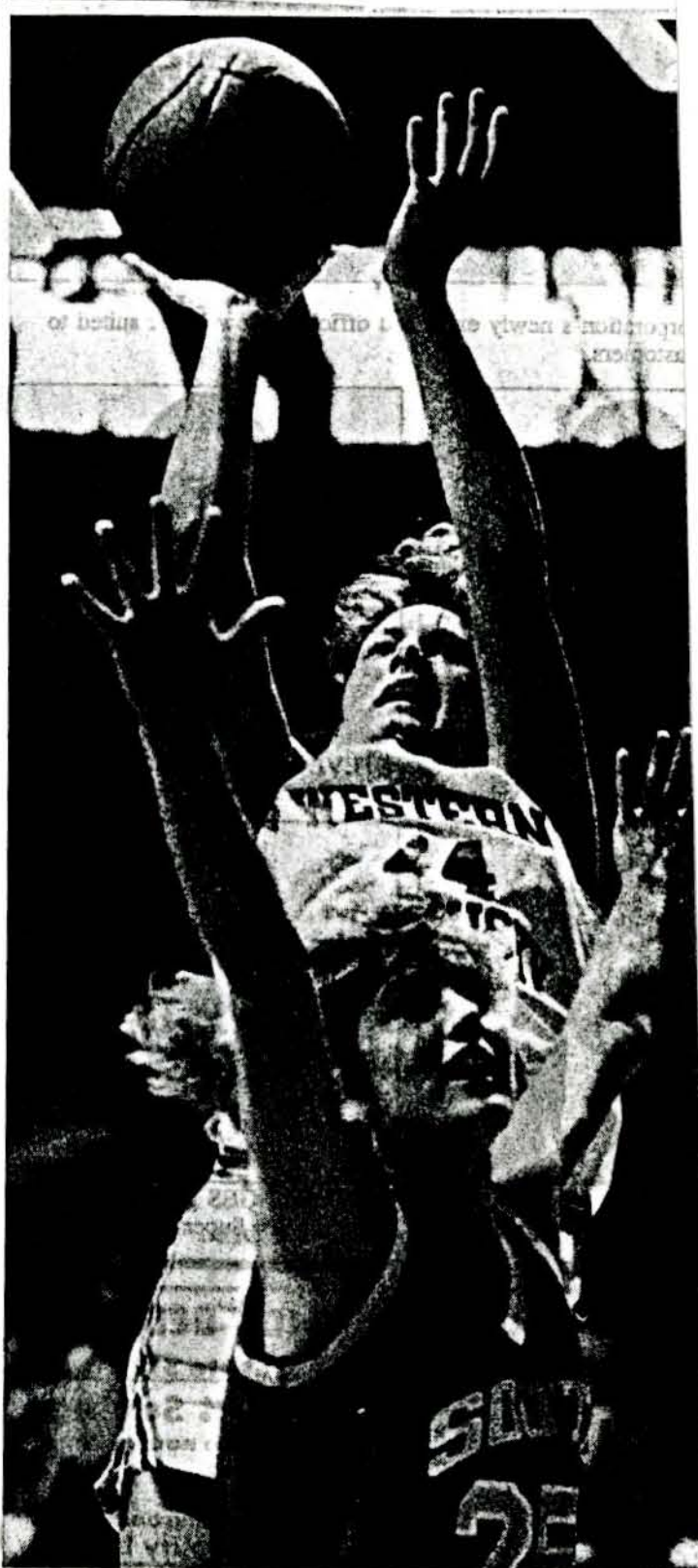
USF stayed close to Western for about 12 minutes. Lady Bull guard Angie Snyder hit a 16-foot jumper with 12:48 left in the first half to cut the Lady Toppers' lead to 16-11, but USF went on a cold spell that lasted nearly six minutes after Snyder's hoop.

Snyder led all scorers with 27 points. Jackie Eisenhauer added 20 for USF.

An offensive rebound basket by Maria Teal followed by a pair of free throws and a jumper by Taylor gave Western a 29-11 lead with 7:30 left in the first half. The Lady Bulls never got closer than within seven points after that.

Kim Pehlke led Western with a career-high 21 points, and sophomore center Trina Wilson hit 4 of 7 shots and finished with 12 points.

Pehlke, who sank 7 of 10 shots, including 2 of 3 three-point tries, said Western can play better on the defensive end.



STAFF PHOTO BY CATHERINE...  
WESTERN'S MARY Taylor (on top) shoots for two of her 19 points. South Florida's Angie Snyder looks on Sunday in Diddle Arena.

# Western tops S. Florida 85-71

From Special Dispatches

C.S. 1-15-70  
Sophomore guard Kim Pehlke poured in 17 of her game-high 21 points in the second half yesterday as Western Kentucky beat visiting South Florida 85-71 in a women's college basketball game.

Pehlke tied her career high as the Lady Hilltoppers improved their record to 6-7.

Western, which led 40-33 at halftime, shot 67 percent from the field in the first half as forward Mary Taylor hit 6 of 6 shots en route to 19 points.

The Lady Hilltoppers' largest lead of the second half, 74-57, came with 2:51 remaining when Pehlke hit a free throw.

South Florida (7-7) was paced by

Angie Snyder's 27 points.

**Indiana 60, Michigan 58:** Center Pam Owens hit a layup on an assist from Zandra Jefferies with 30 seconds left to give Indiana (8-6, 2-2) a Big Ten Conference win over visiting Michigan (9-5, 1-3).

Jefferies led IU with 16 points as the winners hit just 26 of 67 from the field for 38.8 percent. Owens added 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Temple Brown led Michigan with 23 points. The Lady Wolverines out-rebounded IU 44-38 but turned the ball over 21 times to Indiana's 12.

**Shawnee State 87, IU Southeast 51:** Shawnee State (10-4) had five players in double figures and rolled past IU Southeast (6-8) at Portsmouth, Ohio. IUS' Julie Pace led all scorers with 19 points.

At Bowling Green, Ky.  
**SOUTH FLORIDA 71 (33-38)** — Pinckney 5, Moore 9, Turner 4, Eisenhauer 20, Snyder 27, Chestham 4, Poore 0, Davis 2.  
**WESTERN KENTUCKY 85 (40-45)** — Taylor 19, Green 9, Wilson 12, Smith 0, Pehlke 21, Teal 6, Westmoreland 4, Berryman 4, Crutcher 3, Norman 5, Clark 2, Payne 0.  
3-point goals — Eisenhauer 1, Snyder 3, Pehlke 2.



# Teal overcomes jitters, leads WKU to victory

By ANDY DENNIS  
Daily News Sports Writer

Maria Teal felt it coming. It was that 'don't let them see you sweat' feeling. She had to fight nervousness in her first start for Western Kentucky University's women's basketball team. Coach Paul Sanderford benched All-America candidate Tandreia Green in the first half of Wednesday's game against 25th-ranked Vanderbilt.

But Teal soon lost that queasy feeling. The junior scored 17 points to lead Western to its second upset of a Top 25 team during the last week — a 75-73 win over Vanderbilt in Diddle Arena.

Were you nervous Maria? "Very nervous," she said. "I knew I had a big role tonight. I had to replace Tan as a starter."

It took a few minutes, but Teal responded to the task. "Maria Teal, once she got over those jitters, played well," Sanderford said. "I thought our kids played well overall."

Western took its first lead of the game, 37-36, on a shot from the left corner by Teal with 18:50 seconds to play. But Vanderbilt raced out to a 6-point advantage, 52-46, on a hoop by Sarah Mannes at the 13:52 mark.

But a 16-3 Lady Topper surge during the next five minutes boosted Western back to a 7-point advantage, 62-55, with 8:56 to go. Vandy battled back to take a shaky 70-69 lead with 3:56 left, and it appeared the outcome would be decided in the last few ticks of the clock.

But Teal drove the lane and deposited a 12-foot jump shot, followed by a free throw by center Michelle Clark, to give Western a

4-point advantage with 33 seconds to go.

Vanderbilt's Kris Becker then hit a three-pointer from the top of the key at the 23-second mark, but Clark hit another free throw during the last possession of the game to seal the win.

Vanderbilt played well, shooting a blistering 70 percent in the first half and 59 percent for the game on 29 of 49 from the field. But Western got good shots, too, hitting 30 of 64 for 48 percent.

And, on Wednesday at least, shooting 59 percent was not enough for the Lady Commodores to overcome the 'den of doom,' also recently described as the 'Bermuda Triangle' and, of course, Diddle Arena.

Vanderbilt coach Phil Lee wasn't crazy about coming to Diddle. It's not an easy place to win, and the game started an hour later than he would have liked.

"We always knew that coming here would be a difficult task," Lee said. "I'm disappointed we had to play a mid-week game at 8 p.m. when it was scheduled for 7 p.m."

"When I scheduled this game, it was supposed to be a 7 p.m. The athletic director (Jimmy Feix) changed the time. It was more important for a local church night than for the welfare of the students."

Well, that statement may pose an argument in Bowling Green, but it's a moot point.

Vanderbilt missed 6-3 senior Renae Sallquist, who was out with a twisted ankle suffered in the Georgia game last week. Sallquist averages 11.2 points and 6.2 re-

bounds a game.

The Lady Commodores (13-5) got 27 points and 13 rebounds from All-America candidate Wendy Scholtens, but that wasn't enough to break the 'den of doom' spell on Wednesday.

Even though it was a non-conference game for both teams, both coaches realized the importance of the contest. "This was an important game for us," Lee said. "I assure you, we didn't overlook this team (Auburn is next for Vanderbilt). We've got to learn to play under these conditions."

The conditions included a crowd of 2,900, which made Western a better team as usual.

For Green — benched by Sanderford because she missed "a team function on Sunday that wasn't excused" — the victory meant payback time. Vanderbilt beat Western handily in Nashville last season.

"The only thing that was going through my mind was revenge from last year," said Green, who finished with 15 points and six rebounds. "We've been looking forward to this game for a long time."

And it was a big win for the 7-7 Lady Toppers. "I thought we were very fortunate to beat a very good Vanderbilt team," Sanderford said. "I think they missed Sallquist. If you'd seen the films early in the season and saw them now, they don't look like the same team."

Sanderford said the last few games for Western, including three straight wins and a win over then fourth-ranked Texas, marked a resurgence of the Lady Toppers.

"I thought we made the plays down the stretch," he said. "That's the difference between our basketball team now and a month ago."

Sophomore guard Kim Pehlke had 13 points for Western. Clark added 11. Donna Harris pumped in 17 points for Vandy on 8 of 11 shooting from the floor.

Western will tackle Sun Belt Conference foe Virginia Commonwealth at 5:15 on Saturday night.

**VANDERBILT (73)**  
Lamb 2-4 0-0 3-4 7, Jarrard 3-5 0-0 1-3 7, Scholtens 9-14 0-0 9-9 27, Huntington 1-5 0-0 0-0 2, Becker 4-6 1-1 0-0 9, Allen 0-0 0-0 0-0 0, Dunn 0-0 0-0 0-0 0, Mannes 2-4 0-0 0-0 4, Harris 8-11 1-3 0-0 17. Totals 29-49 13-16 73.  
**WESTERN (75)**  
Teal 8-11 0-0 1-3 17, Taylor 4-11 0-0 1-3 9, Wilson 1-5 0-0 0-0 2, Smith 0-3 0-2 0-0 0, Pehlke 5-8 2-3 1-2 13, Westmoreland 1-2 1-2 0-0 3, Berryman 2-4 0-1 0-0 4, Norman 0-1 0-0 0-0 0, Clark 4-6 0-0 3-5 11, Payne 0-0 0-0 1-2 1, Green 5-11 0-0 5-9 15. Totals 30-52 12-24 75.  
Halftime — Vanderbilt 36, Western 35. Three-point goals — Vanderbilt 2-4 (Becker 1-1, Harris 1-3) Western 3-8 (Smith 0-2, Pehlke 2-3, Westmoreland 1-2, Berryman 0-1). Fouled out — Vanderbilt (Jarrard). Rebounds — Western 33 (Teal 9), Vanderbilt 28 (Scholtens 14). Assists — Western 17 (Smith, Pehlke 6), Vanderbilt 15 (Jarrard, Scholtens 3). Total fouls — Vanderbilt 18, Western 15. A — 2,400.

# Vandy ready to test Western

By JOE MEDLEY  
Daily News Sports Editor

Count Vanderbilt right up there with Tennessee and Texas as interesting games on Western Kentucky's women's basketball schedule.

Just when the Lady Toppers were feeling good about beating Texas and South Florida, Vanderbilt gave Western something to think about on Saturday.

Heads in the women's basketball world spun when Vanderbilt (13-4), Western's opponent tonight at 8 in Diddle Arena, upset third-ranked Georgia 63-62 at Vandy.

For Georgia, which sports many of the same players who beat Western in the NCAA Tournament in 1988, it was the first defeat this season.

For Western coach Paul Sanderford, who saw the game, Vandy's win was an Alka-Seltzer special.

"They did everything well," he said. "They controlled the tempo, they played very smart and they did an outstanding job defensively on Georgia's big people. Vanderbilt is an impressive team."

For Vanderbilt's efforts, it cracked the Associated Press rankings at 25th this week. USA Today was more impressed, pushing the Lady Commodores up to 23rd.

But after watching Saturday's game, Sanderford said Vanderbilt is underrated. "I certainly voted them higher," he said.

**At Bowling Green, Ky.**  
**VANDERBILT 73 (35-37)** — Lamb 7, Jarrard 7, Scholtens 27, Huntington 2, Becker 9, Allen 0, Dunn 0, Mannes 4, Harris 17.  
**WESTERN KENTUCKY 75 (35-40)** — Teal 17, Taylor 9, Wilson 2, Smith 0, Pehlke 13, Westmoreland 3, Berryman 4, Norman 0, Clark 11, Payne 1, Green 15.  
3-point goals — Becker 1, Harris 1, Pehlke 2, Westmoreland 1. C.J. 1-18-70

The attention Vandy is getting after the Georgia game makes tonight's game big for Western from a polls and respect standpoint. The Lady Toppers earned a great deal of respect in their 61-56 win over Texas. A win tonight could vault the Lady Toppers back into the polls.

Despite its 6-7 record, Western received votes in this week's AP poll for the first time in weeks.

A return to the top 25 would make Sanderford, ever the promoter and always eyeing polls, happy. But he's downplaying the importance of tonight's game.

"The three games that count are the three we hope to play in Norfolk in March," Sanderford said, referring to the Sun Belt Conference Tournament in March. "Tonight's game is no bigger than any other game as far as I'm concerned."

Vanderbilt is led by All-American Wendy Scholtens, a 6-4 junior center who scores 23.5 points and gets 11.9 rebounds a game.

"She's leading the Southeastern Conference in every offensive category," Sanderford said. "She's just a great basketball player."

Forwards Renae Sallquist, a 6-3 senior, and Misty Lamb, a 6-2 freshman, are making big contributions. Sallquist gets 11.2 points and 7.2 rebounds, and Lamb scores 11.6 points and gets 7.2 rebounds.

"Lamb was one of the top five recruits in the country last season," Sanderford said.

Guards Jade Huntington and Kris Becker round out the starting lineup.

Western will start forwards Tandreia Green and Mary Taylor, center Trina Wilson and guards Kim Pehlke and Kelly Smith.

Green is the leading scorer at 17.1, and Taylor gets 10.4.

Pehlke has raised her average above double figures at 10.3.



# Green powers Western; Murray wins

From Special Dispatches

Senior forward Tandreia Green had game highs of 18 points and nine rebounds, and host Western Kentucky coasted to an 84-54 victory over Virginia Commonwealth in a women's Sun Belt Conference basketball game last night.

Mary Taybr had 13 points and Michelle Clark added 10 for the Lady Hilltoppers (8-7, 2-0).

After his club's fourth straight win, coach Paul Sanderford said, "All the pressure games against Tennessee, Texas and Vanderbilt are starting to pay off for us."

Western upset Texas and Vanderbilt, two ranked teams, in the past week, but will need to make some adjustments in its front line after losing sophomore center Trina Wilson for the season. She injured her right knee in practice Friday.

## COLLEGE WOMEN

VCU (6-9, 0-1) was led by Jennifer Melton's 15 points.

**Murray State 79, Middle Tennessee 61:** Melissa Huffman scored a career-high 25 points and Tawnya Pierce added 19 as invading Murray (9-6, 2-1) whipped Middle Tennessee in an Ohio Valley Conference game.

The Lady Racers led 39-38 at half-time and came out firing in the second half. They went on an 11-0 tear which began with Huffman's three-pointer at 6:10 and ended with Michelle Wenning's basket at 13:17.

**Tennessee State 66, Eastern Kentucky 64:** Tennessee State (7-6, 2-1) held off host Eastern

(7-5, 3-1) in an OVC game.

Tennessee State missed a free-throw attempt with four seconds remaining, but Eastern couldn't get a shot off.

Tennessee State built up a 10-point lead, 57-47, on a 10-foot baseline jumper by Angelique Bell, who scored 14 points. Eastern rallied, but Tracy Kindred's three-pointer was as close as the Lady Colonels would get.

Eastern led up until 11:24 remained. Tennessee State tied the score at 42-42 on a three-pointer by Jody Woods. Twenty seconds later, the visitors took the lead for good on a three-point play by Woods.

**Shawnee State 76, IU Southeast 43:** Susan Conley scored 20 points and Kim Danner added 17 as Shawnee State (13-5) rolled past host IU Southeast (8-9).

# WKU can't shake LSU, loses 65-51

A Daily News report

BATON ROUGE, La. — Will the real Lady Toppers please stand up.

Western Kentucky's women's basketball team looked like it had finally arrived in beating Texas and Vanderbilt while sweeping a four-game home stand recently.

The Lady Toppers played like the struggling, searching team that started out 2-5 in Thursday's 65-51 road loss at 16th-ranked Louisiana State.

The Lady Toppers chilled the bayou with 36-percent shooting and got outrebounded 43-22 while falling to 8-8.

Cold shooting had been a problem for Western until the home stand. Winning on the road has been a problem all season. Western coach Paul Sanderford says he hopes the Lady Toppers can root out the problems before Saturday's key 7 p.m. Sun Belt Conference game at South Alabama.

"I told the kids after (Thursday's) game — are we a team that can't win outside of Diddle Arena?" Sanderford said. "I hope we find some answers for South Alabama."

Everything that usually goes right for Western seemed to go wrong against LSU. Senior Tandreia Green was held to eight points, which is half her average. Junior Mary Taylor, whom Sanderford calls "our most consistent player all year," didn't score on 0 for 2 shooting. She averaged over 10 points a game.

Western didn't score until the 14:45 mark of the first half, and the

turnovers climbed back up to 21.

"I don't know why we played like this tonight," said junior Maria Teal, who tied Kim Pehlke and Michelle Clark for team-high honors with 11 points. "We're a much better team than we showed tonight."

Meanwhile, LSU (13-3) got 16 points from Sheila Johnson, 15 from Barbara Henderson, 14 from Annette Jackson-Lowery and 12 from Dana Chatman.

The Lady Tigers shot 49 percent after a 59-percent second half and led by as many as 21 points.

South Alabama, 13-6 overall and 1-0 in Sun Belt play, is led by senior forward Adrian Vickers. She's sixth in the nation in scoring (26.5), sixth in steals (4.3) and 10th in rebounding (12.4).

Freshman guard T.R. Clements is sixth in the nation in assists with 136 for an average of 7.2 a game.

Western is 2-0 in Sun Belt play after beating Virginia Commonwealth and South Florida.

**WESTERN-LSU**  
WESTERN (51)  
Teal 3-6 5-6 11, Westmoreland 0-5 2-2 2, Smith 0-4 4-6 4, Berryman 0-0 1-2 1, Pehlke 5-9 0-1 11, Crutcher 0-0 0-0 0, Norman 1-3 1-2 3, Taylor 0-2 0-0 0, Clark 5-7 1-3 11, Payne 0-0 0-0 0, Green 3-11 2-6 8. Totals 17-47 16-28 51.  
LSU (65)  
Boulet 0-0 0-0 0, Chatman 3-10 4-5 12, Seals 2-4 0-0 4, Rains 1-4 0-0 2, Bell 0-0 0-0 0, Jackson-Lowery 6-7 2-4 14, Henderson 5-10 5-9 15, Thaler 0-0 0-0 0, Eubanks 0-0 0-0 0, Shepherd 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 6-9 4-6 16, Berry 0-0 0-0 0, Graves 0-0 0-0 0, Widdle 1-4 0-2 2. Totals 24-49 15-24 65.  
Halftime score — LSU 31, Western 18. 3-point goals — Western 1-8 (Westmoreland 0-3, Smith 0-1, Pehlke 1-3, Green 0-1), LSU 2-8 (Chatman 2-8). Rebounding — Western 22 (Clark 6), LSU 43 (Jackson-Lowery 10). Assists — Western 9 (Smith 3), LSU 15 (Chatman 4). Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — Green, A — 263.



# doubleheader on roll

By JOE MEDLEY 1-17-90  
Daily News Sports Editor

OK, Hilltoppers and Lady Toppers. Everyone get close together. Move a little to the right. Now, open up a big smile and say "winning's great!"

## FLASH

It might be well worth it to gather Western's men's and women's basketball teams for a group picture before Saturday's doubleheader in Diddle Arena. Combined, the teams have won six of their last eight games.

The Lady Toppers (7-7) have won three in a row, including wins over nationally ranked Texas and Vanderbilt, going into Saturday's 5:15 p.m. game against Sun Belt Conference foe Virginia Commonwealth.

The Hilltoppers (6-10) have won three of their last five, including three Sun Belt wins in four tries. The men will play host to North Carolina-Charlotte in a Sun Belt nightcap.

Both Western teams struggled early, but both have good reasons to break a wide smile for a picture before Saturday's games.

The Lady Toppers are 1-0 in the

Sun Belt and tied for the league lead with Alabama Birmingham (11-4) and South Alabama (10-6). The Hilltoppers are 3-1 and second behind Alabama Birmingham, 12-4 and 4-0.

Saturday's games will showcase two Western teams in contention for a Sun Belt title. It's been a while.

The Lady Toppers are coming off of Wednesday's 75-73 win over 25th-ranked Vanderbilt. After a pre-conference season that included a five-game losing streak, Western's women appear ready to chase post-season play.

VCU, 6-8 overall and entering its first conference game, is capable of an upset. The Lady Rams played Vanderbilt to a 75-73 loss in a Christmas Tournament at Marshall. But VCU just ended a three-game losing streak with an 84-56 win over Coppin State.

The Lady Rams look to forwards Diane Williams and Heather Burik. Williams, a 5-10 junior, gets 12.8 points a game. Burik is a 6-foot sophomore who throws down 12.2 points an outing.

Western sports three players in double figures for the first time this season, led by senior forward Tan-

dreia Green with 16.9. She's expected to return to the starting lineup after not starting against Vanderbilt. She was benched for missing a team function.

Mary Taylor gets 10.3 points, and Kim Pehlke is climbing at 10.5. Sophomore center Trina Wilson and junior guard Kelly Smith are also expected to start.

In the men's game, Charlotte brings in a 7-7 record and a 1-3 worksheet in the Sun Belt.

Sophomore standout Henry Williams pours in 19.8 points a game at guard. Senior forward Cedric Ball is the other double-figure man at 12.5.

Western, an 86-55 loser to UAB on Tuesday, sports senior guard Roland Shelton at 18.1 ppg and 6-8 junior forward Jerry Anderson at 10.6. Anderson is hot, scoring in double figures in his last three games. Shelton was held to two points at UAB.

Junior Joe Lightfoot will be the other forward, freshman Karl Brown will start at center and junior Anthony Palm should start at guard. Palm has been hot of-late, scoring in double figures in his last two outings.

## Lady Toppers rout VCU in SBC win

1-21-90  
By DARYLL S. CROUCH  
Daily News Sports Writer

The Western Kentucky University Lady Toppers went into Saturday's clash against Virginia Commonwealth with a piece of its puzzle missing.

### A big piece.

Western's 6-foot-5 sophomore center, Trina Wilson suffered ligament damage in her right knee in practice Friday and had reconstructive arthroscopic surgery to repair collateral ligament and anterior cruciate damage on Saturday. Wilson is out for the season.

With the increased burden on Western's inside game, All-America candidate Tandraia Green responded with perhaps her best performance of the season, and the Lady Toppers mauled the Rams, 84-54. Western moved to 8-7 and has won five of its last six games — two against top 20 teams. VCU fell to 6-9.

Green created havoc on the offensive and defensive glass as she grabbed a game-high nine rebounds, slightly injuring two teammates in the process. Green also bagged 7 of 9 shots and led all scorers with 18 points.

Mary Taylor and Kelly Smith will just have to give Green a little more room next time they move into her path. Smith got a bloody nose, and Taylor got a black eye on consecutive plays early in the first half as they were going up with Green after rebounds. Green got the ball both times.

"I'm sorry that happened," Green said. "Just one of those things that happens, I guess. They'll be getting on me about that all week."

When Green wasn't mixing it up

Virginia Commonwealth-W. Kentucky	
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH (54)	
Burik 1-3 0-0 2, Williams 1-9 2-2 4, Warner 5-8	
1-2 11, Ellison 2-4 4-5 8, Melton 9-17 0-0 15,	
Harlow 0-3 1-2 1, Hollerup 0-2 2-2 2, Speakman	
1-1 1-2 3, Semak 1-10 4-4 8, Hairston 1-3 0-0 2.	
Totals 18-49 15-19 54.	
W. KENTUCKY (84)	
Taylor 4-10 5-8 13, Green 7-9 4-8 18, Clark	
5-10 0-0 10, Smith 1-3 2-2 4, Pehlke 1-9 4-5 7,	
Teal 4-5 1-1 9, Westmoreland 3-7 0-0 8, Berryman	
4-8 0-2 8, Norman 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 30-63 22-29	
84.	
Halftime W. Kentucky 41, VCU 19. Three-point	
goals—VCU 3-13 (Melton 3-6), WKU 2-8	
(Westmoreland 2-3). Fouled out—none. Re-	
bounds—VCU 32 (Williams 8), WKU 41 (Green	
9). Assists—VCU 7 (Ellison, Melton 2), WKU 20	
(Smith, Pehlke 4). Total fouls—VCU 23, WKU 18.	

inside, Michelle Clark and Taylor were. Taylor scored 13 points and pulled down seven rebounds. Clark nailed 5 of 10 shots for 10 points and grabbed six rebounds. Jennifer Berryman also was a positive force inside. She shot 50 percent from the field and scored eight points in 14 minutes.

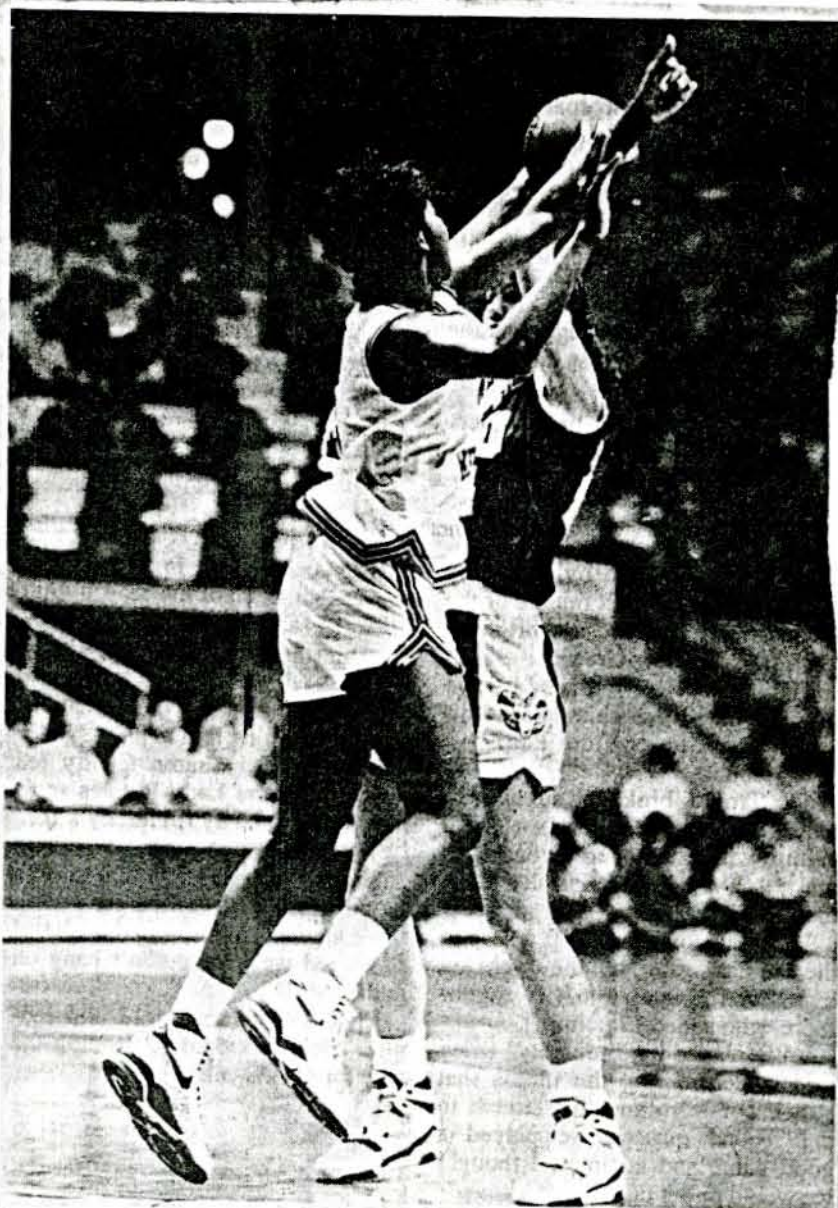
Western coach Paul Sanderford was impressed with the way his frontliners answered the challenge of playing without Wilson.

"Tan (Green) played really well on both ends of the floor," he said. "And I was proud of the way Jennifer filled her role, and Michelle played well also."

"People don't realize what we lost in Wilson. We have a player who is 6-5 and can play the point on the press."

The Lady Toppers had their defense cranked up from the opening tip on Saturday. A 16-footer by Taylor after a steal by Kim Pehlke gave Western a 25-8 lead with 9:02 left in the first half. It got much worse for the Rams, who committed 29 turnovers.

Western led by 22 points at the half, and Taylor's free throws at the 5:33 mark of the second half put the Lady Toppers up 71-37 for their



Staff Photo by Rob Hatcher

WESTERN'S MARIA Teal (left) lunges for the ball controlled by an unidentified Virginia Commonwealth player during Saturday's game at Diddle Arena. The Lady Toppers crushed VCU, 84-54.

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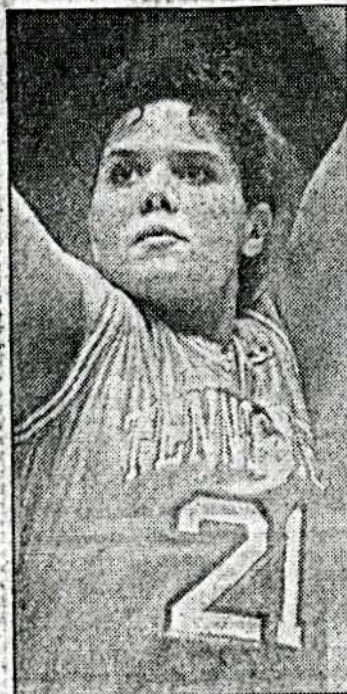
"I think we've turned the corner on the season," Green said. "We're playing much more together now than we did earlier in the year."

"On this game, we watched the films and decided VCU's biggest

weakness was the inside game. We just wanted to take it to them, but I thought I needed to be patient at the same time. We tend to play better when I play relaxed."

If Green was relaxed against the Rams, no team in the Sun Belt wants to see her game face.





Lisa Harrison

## Miss Basketballs go back

By PAT FORDE  
Staff Writer

College freshmen would not seem likely to be susceptible to the pangs of nostalgia. What's there to be nostalgic about at that age? Teething?

But Lisa Harrison and Renee Westmoreland are two who have had to deal with the sharp, bittersweet sting of rose-tinted retrospect. They can remember the good old days — last year.

The 1989 Kentucky and Indiana Miss Basketballs know what it was like to walk on the basketball court and be the attraction, the idol, the best player.

Harrison, at Tennessee, and Westmoreland, at Western Kentucky, now know what it's like to spend half the game sitting, clapping and watching out of the corners of their eyes for the coach to acknowledge their presence

and send them in.

Sing it, John Lennon: It's like starting over.

"For a while I kind of doubted myself, whether I was good enough," said Harrison, who started nine of the first 17 games at forward for the third-ranked Lady Vols (15-3). "Maybe all freshmen go through that."

At least one other freshman did. "My role completely changed," said Westmoreland, who started the first five games at point guard but now is coming off the bench at off-guard for the Lady Toppers, 8-8 before last night's game at South Alabama. "I was no longer the star, and that took some adjusting to. I guess there was a little pressure being Miss Basketball and coming here."

Of course, both entered top-level programs — Tennessee won NCAA ti-

## to school in college game

ties in 1987 and '89; Western has been to five straight NCAA Tournaments, including Final Four appearances in 1985 and '86. Both players have struggled at times under the burden of big reputations. But both have been valuable contributors.

Ask their coaches. Tennessee's Pat Summitt and Western's Paul Sanderford have been critical and demanding, but they've also been largely happy.

"She's adjusted extremely well," Summitt said of Harrison. "I do think she has a very bright future. Very few high school players ever live up to the expectations people have when they enter college, but Lisa's one that I think can live up to the expectations everyone has for her."

Said Sanderford: "I said this before the season and I stay with it: Basket-

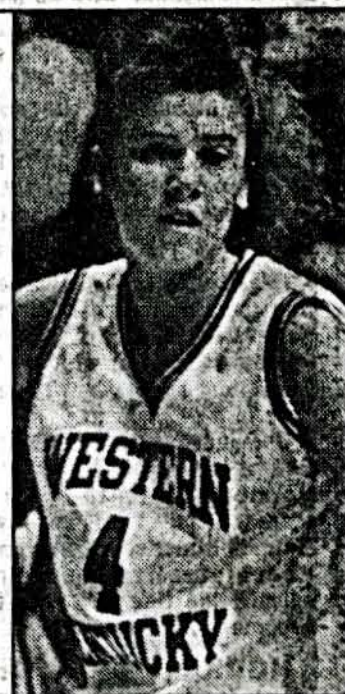
ball-wise, she's probably the best freshman I've ever had in my eight years here. Renee Westmoreland is going to be a great player."

Through Wednesday, Harrison was averaging 21.7 minutes, 6.9 points, 5.5 rebounds and 2.2 assists a game for Tennessee. Westmoreland's numbers were 22.1 minutes, 6.1 points, 2 rebounds and 2.1 assists for Western.

But those numbers have dipped from high school, when Harrison led Louisville Southern to the 1988 Kentucky title and was almost everyone's national Player of the Year in 1989, and when Westmoreland led Scottsburg High School to three Indiana Final Fours and its first state title last year.

So now they read the scrapbooks

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Renee Westmoreland

## Schoolgirl stars endure college tests

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when they need to tell themselves "Yes, I can play." Then they go out and try to give themselves something to be nostalgic about four years from now.

### Lisa Harrison

The guy sitting courtside at the University of Kentucky's Memorial Coliseum for Monday night's UK-Tennessee game obviously wasn't into homecomings.

"Hey, ref!" he bellowed. "You watch 21! She's setting an illegal screen every time!"

Welcome back to the commonwealth, Lisa Harrison.

Of course, considering the way she left, not being recognized might have been a blessing.

Last June, Miss Basketball had been kicked off the team she was supposed to lead. Harrison was dismissed from the Kentucky All-Star team on the eve of its second game against Indiana for what All-Star officials would describe only as a violation of a team rule.

Harrison wouldn't say what happened. The incident left shock waves — and questions — reverberating all summer.

"It was hard waiting for all that to pass over," Harrison said. "When I got down to Tennessee I talked to Pat about it, and all the papers asked about it. It was a mistake — just learn from what happened."

Apparently she has, according to Summitt.

"You can't dwell on the past," Summitt said. "Lisa is a good person. I have had no problems with her, and she has had no problems with team rules."

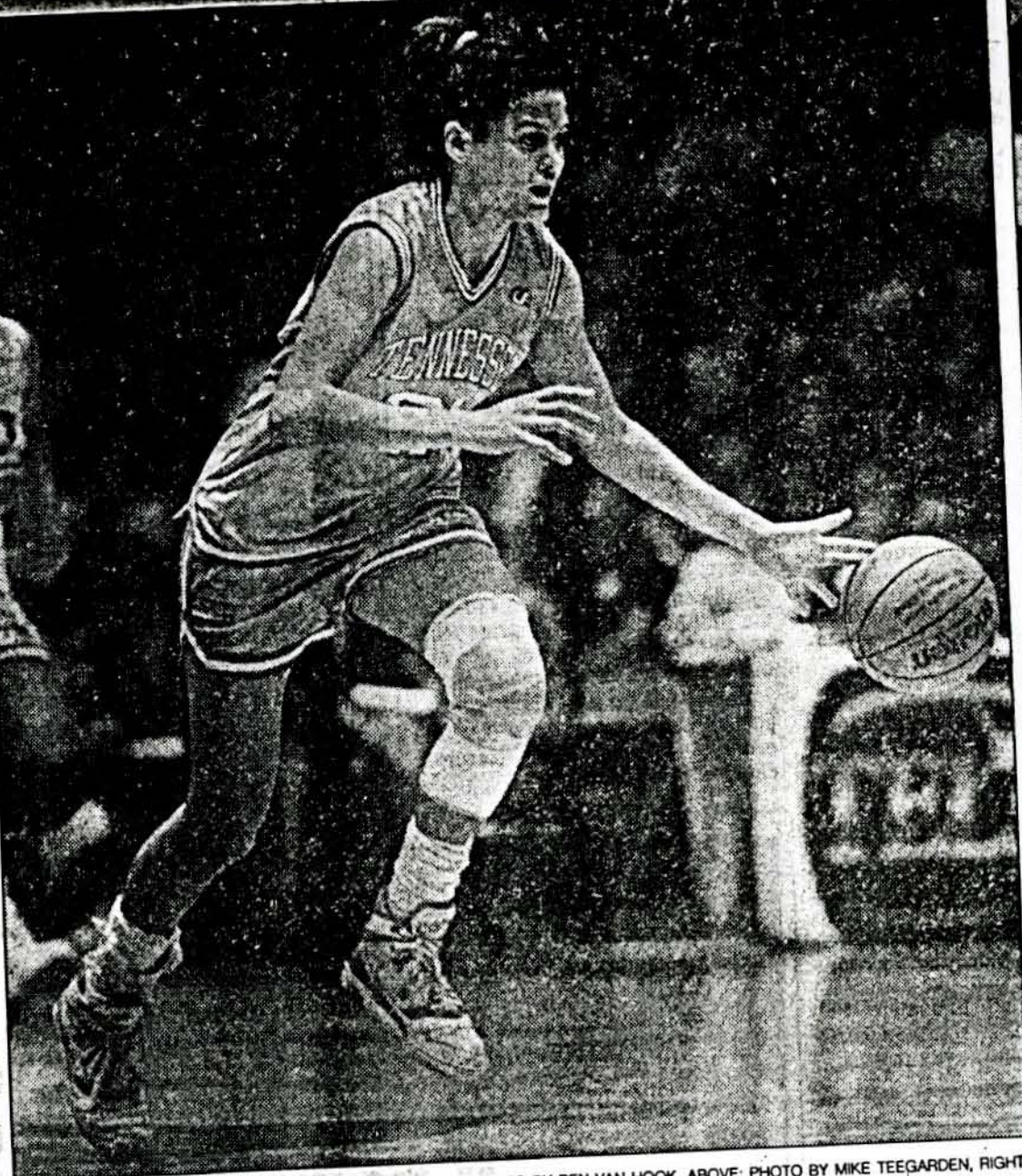
"One time in her life she made a mistake, and it was costly. I think she's learned from it."

These days, she learns on the court. Summitt knows how much talent is there, and she is pushing — hard — to unearth it. With the graduation of small forward Bridgette Gordon, the school's all-time leading scorer, Harrison's presence is needed.

Now.

"If Bridgette were a senior, we probably wouldn't push Lisa this hard," Summitt said. "We'd let her sit back and soak it all in. But we really need production out of her now."

And production starts in practice. In high school Harrison could coast through practice and still dominate



STAFF PHOTO BY BEN VAN HOOK, ABOVE; PHOTO BY MIKE TEEGARDEN, RIGHT

Both Kentucky Miss Basketball Lisa Harrison, left, and Indiana Miss Basketball Renee Westmoreland have been tested in adapting from high school to the big-time college game.

action, she instead was waving a towel from the bench.

Very happily.

"It was just unbelievable to play the fourth-ranked team in the nation and you have your 3,000 fans cheering. That was the first time, I guess, in a game like that, that I was on the bench cheering instead of out there playing. And I really didn't feel bad or hate it. I was just happy we were winning."

The free throws were the freshman's only two points as Western held on for a 61-56 upset. It was the catalyst for a turnaround of a year that started out 4-7 and had all the makings of a disaster.

"That's been the high point, because that's the first time our team has come together," Westmoreland said. "It didn't matter who scored as long as we scored."

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# Western gets healthy at home, 81-46

From Special Dispatches

Freshman Kim Pehlke scored 10 of her game-high 16 points in the first half as Western Kentucky raced to a big early lead and went on to crush Dayton 81-46 in college basketball last night in Bowling Green, Ky.

"We were very anxious to get home and play in front of our fans again," said junior forward Mary Taylor, who added 14 points and six rebounds. "We definitely play better in Diddle Arena."

The Lady Toppers are 8-1 at

## Women

At Bowling Green, Ky.

DAYTON 46 (23-23) — Gaske 3, Melvin 8, Goodman 10, Frericks 13, Green 4, Rasey 2, Sauder 2, Arnold 1, Harris 1, Stein 2.

WESTERN KENTUCKY 81 (42-39) — Taylor 14, Green 8, Clark 12, Smith 6, Pehlke 16, Westmoreland 9, Berryman 8, Crutcher 2, Norman 4, Payne 2.  
3-point goals — Westmoreland 1.

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home and 1-8 on the road.

Western jumped to an 11-2 lead in the first 3:16 and expanded its advantage to 42-23 at halftime as the visitors hit just 6 of 30 field-goal attempts for 20 percent. For the game the Flyers (7-11) shot 24.1 percent (13 of 54), committed 25 turnovers and were outrebounded 48-35.

Michelle Clark added 12 points and eight rebounds in 18 minutes for the Lady Toppers, who hit 29 of 61 shots for 47.5 percent. Cindy Frericks led Dayton with 13 points, while Kaihra Goodman had 10 points and nine rebounds.

"We didn't play great, but we played good enough to win, and right now we'll take that," said Western coach Paul Sanderford, whose team lost at LSU and Alabama last week. "We certainly needed a win after last week."

**Bellarmine 96, Indiana Southeast 55:** Renata Kuchowicz came off the bench to score a game-high 15 points and grab 10 rebounds as the Belles

whipped visiting IUS.

"I thought it was a very good team effort," said Bellarmine coach Charlie Just, whose team had a season-high 32 assists and a season-low nine turnovers. "Everyone played their best."

Shannon Miles and Missy Hahn chipped in 14 and 13 points, respectively, for Bellarmine (16-3), which never trailed and led 48-22 at halftime. Sharonda O'Bannon had a game-high 12 rebounds as the Belles ruled the boards 56-44.

Freshman guard Katie Becker paced IUS (10-11) with 13 points.

# Technical foul hurts Lady Tops in 74-70 defeat at South Alabama

A Daily News report

MOBILE, Ala. — The Western Kentucky University Lady Toppers moved a little closer to finding the cure to their road woes here Saturday, but Western found itself missing Diddle Arena once again in a 74-70 overtime loss to South Alabama 74-70.

A technical foul on Western coach Paul Sanderford was the key play as Western fell to 8-9 overall and 2-1 in Sun Belt Conference play. USA is 14-6 and 2-0.

Western trailed 68-67 with 2:27 left in the overtime when Kelly Smith rebounded her own missed free throw but was called for traveling. Lady Topper coach Paul Sanderford, angered by the official's call, was whistled for a technical foul. Western didn't score again until the game was all but decided.

"I made a tremendous mistake and probably cost us the game," Sanderford said. "(Smith) had possession of the ball, and they completely undercut her. Took her feet right out from under her."

"I usually don't get (technical fouls) unless I want them. Not this time."

A big factor for Western was senior Tandreia Green's foul troubles. Averaging 16 points a game, she went down with only three points near the 9-minute mark of the second half.

The Lady Toppers shot just 35 percent for the game but outrebounded USA 45-43. Sophomore guard Kim Pehlke led the Lady Toppers with 19 points, and Mary Taylor and Maria Teal added 14 points apiece.

USA All-American Adrian Vickers got off to a slow start but got the Lady Jaguars rolling in the second half. Vickers scored 11 of USA's first 15 points of the second half, and her rebound basket with 12:02 left in the second half put USA up 51-40.

Vickers, who came into Saturday's contest ranked sixth in the NCAA in scoring with a 26.5 average, finished with 19 points. Reserve Kim Pompey added 18 for USA.

Western made a furious rally sparked by Kim Norman, Taylor, Pehlke and Teal. A steal and layup by Norman cut the deficit to 58-57, and a Norman put-back gave the Lady Toppers a 59-58 lead with 4:24 remaining.

Western led by as many as three in the final moments, but USA freshman T.R. Clement sank two free throws with seven seconds left in regulation.

Western-South Alabama  
WESTERN (70)  
Teal 7-16 0-0 14, Westmoreland 0-2 0-2 0, Smith 0-5 1-2 1, Pehlke 7-14 3-6 19, Norman 4-7 1-2 9, Taylor 5-11 4-6 14, Clark 3-7 4-7 10, Green 0-10 3-4 3.  
Totals 26-74 16-29 70.  
SOUTH ALABAMA (74)  
Richardson 4-8 4-6 13, Seay 2-5 1-2 6, Clement 2-8 8-8 12, Powell 1-1 4-6 6, Vickers 6-14 7-8 19, Pompey 8-14 0-1 18 18. Totals 23-50 25-33 74.  
Halftime — USA 29, Western 28. 3-point goals — Western 2-8 (Westmoreland 0-1, Smith 0-2, Pehlke 2-5), USA 3-6 (Richardson 1-3, Pompey 2-3). Rebounds — Western 45 (Teal 18), USA 43 (Vickers 16). Assists — Western 10 (Smith 4), USA 17 (Clement 7). Total fouls — Western 23, USA 27. Fouled out — Green, Richardson, Clement. Technical fouls — Western bench. A — unknown.



# Lady Tops whip Dayton; Sanderford relaxes in win

By ANDY DENNIS  
Daily News Sports Writer

Picture Western Kentucky University Lady Topper coach Paul Sanderford sitting on a beach, sipping a tropical beverage, and wearing a pair of sunshades.

"Hey, towel boy! I'll like for you to call into Diddle Arena and ask how my team is doing against Dayton, O.K.?"

Just cool and laid back. Let someone else do the work for a change.

During Thursday's game against Dayton (7-11), Sanderford may have felt like he was on a vacation. The Lady Toppers routed the Lady Flyers, 81-46. It was a game where Sanderford could relax on the sidelines.

"This is the first game in a long time I haven't come (into the press room) soaking wet," Sanderford said after the game. "I didn't even sweat."

Nor did the Lady Toppers (9-9), at least not from the pressure. Western put the game out of reach early, spearheaded by an 11-2 outburst to begin the game. Sophomore Kim Pehlke paced the Lady Toppers with 16 points on 8 of 13 from the field.

Sanderford didn't sweat, but he was pleased to have beaten a good ball team, he said. But it was a win in Diddle Arena. The eternal question remains. Can Western win on the road?

"I'd like to use some of those 35 points when we go on the road," Sanderford quipped. "We're just going to have to show people we can play well on the road. We'll have to do it next week."

"I guess a lot of people think we can't win anywhere but at home," said junior Mary Taylor. "I noticed a quote by Texas coach (Jody Conradt) where she said we feed off of our crowd a lot. I guess that's true."

Western travels to Indiana State on Monday and to Birmingham on Wednesday for an encounter with UAB. Both games are set for 7 p.m.

After the 11-2 Western run, the Lady Flyers scored the next four points — two each by Cindy Frericks and Teri Gaerke. Dayton's Shari Sauder drilled a 19-footer to pull the Lady Flyers to within 14-11 with 11:32 left in the first half.

But Western ran out to a 42-23 lead at intermission sparked by Taylor and a host of other Lady Toppers and Western was never threatened for the rest of the game.

Dayton coach Sue Ramsey was aware of all the Lady Toppers. "(Western) was bigger, quicker, and stronger," Ramsey said. "We came in here in a no-lose situation."

"Last time we played here, we left with two girls on crutches and picked another one up at the hospital."

On Thursday at least, the Lady Flyers could have used some sort of medicinal therapy on their shooting touch. Dayton shot an anemic 20 percent in the first half on 6 of 30 attempts. Dayton finished the game at 24 percent on 13 of 54 attempts.

Western, meanwhile, hit 29 of 61 for the game for 48 percent. Taylor finished with 14 points and six re-

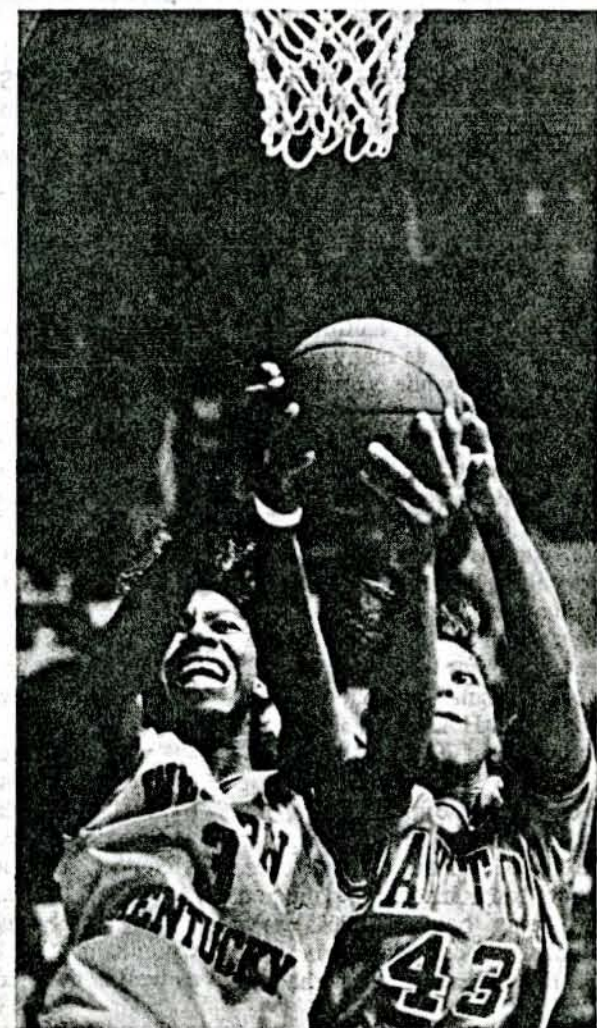
bounds, and said defense may have deflated Dayton shooting percentages.

"That was our biggest goal (Thursday) tonight, to come out and play defense," Taylor said. "I guess that had a lot to do with their shooting."

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Halftime score — Western 42, Dayton 33. 3-point goals — Western 1-6 (Pehlke 0-2, Westmoreland 1-3, Berryman 0-1). Dayton 0-5 (Frericks 0-2, Sauder 0-1, Stein 0-2). Rebounding — Western 48 (Green, Smith 8), Dayton 35 (Goodman 9). Assists — Western 15 (Smith, Westmoreland 5), Dayton 6 (Gaerke 2). Fouled out — Dayton (Melvin). Technical fouls — none. A — r/a.



Staff Photo by Catherine Calovich

WESTERN'S MARIA Teal (3) battles with Dayton's Kaihra Goodman for a rebound during Thursday night's game at Diddle Arena. Western shot down the Lady Flyers, 81-46.

# Sanderford: WKU needs consistency; Lady Flyers loom

By JOE MEDLEY  
Daily News Sports Editor

Coach Paul Sanderford is consistent about consistency.

As Western Kentucky's women's basketball team heads into tonight's 5:15 p.m. game against Dayton in Diddle Arena, the Lady Toppers need more consistency.

After beating the likes of Texas and Vanderbilt during a four-game home stand, the Lady Toppers lost two straight to Louisiana State and Sun Belt Conference for South Alabama.

Western had a lackluster performance against 16th-ranked LSU in a 65-51 loss.

"Against South Alabama we played hard and with a lot of emotion," Sanderford said, "we just didn't execute well. It all comes down to consistency."

"You can afford two variables, but you have to have three constants — three players who perform for you every night," Sanderford said.

Mary Taylor, one of Western's most consistent players, went scoreless at LSU. Western's leading scorer, senior Tandreia Green, had three points in 16 minutes against South Alabama.

Sanderford says Western, 8-9 overall, can't afford inconsistency from Taylor and Green.

One thing the Lady Toppers have been consistent about is winning at

home. The Lady Toppers took all four games in the home stand. Western is 7-1 at home.

That's a good sign for tonight's game, which is the first game of a men's and women's doubleheader. Western's men will play Alabama Birmingham in the nightcap.

Non-conference foe Dayton (7-10), coached by Sue Ramsey, played Western well last season at home. The Lady Flyers return four starters from a team that made Western sweat for a 55-53 win last season.

"They're basically the same team that played us tough last year," Sanderford said. "They have really good balance. They're very fundamentally sound, and they play solid defense."

The Lady Flyers are led by senior forward Anette Melvin. The Fort Knox native scores 12.6 points a game. Center Kaihra Goodman gets 10.2 points and 7.7 rebounds a game.

Western will start forwards Green and Taylor, center Michelle Clark and guards Kelly Smith and Kim Pehlke.

Pehlke was a bright spot in the 74-70 overtime loss to South Alabama, scoring 19 points. She's been scoring consistently in double figures of late.

"She played one of her best games at South Alabama," Sanderford said.



# Lady Tops try to grab elusive road win

Willie Nelson's *On the Road Again* isn't a favorite among Western Kentucky's Lady Toppers.

The song conjures images of Nelson and his friends gleefully piking music while rolling the miles. For the Lady Toppers, the song only conjures the same old question — when are they going to win on the road again?

Western (9-9) is 1-8 on the road this season going into today's 7 p.m. game at Indiana State (7-12). The Lady Toppers will play at Alabama Birmingham on Wednesday.

Western's one road win? A rout of Division II's Lafayette in the consolation game of the Havoline Wildcat Christmas Classic at Villanova.

Even after Western beat Texas and Vanderbilt while sweeping a four-game home stand, the Lady Toppers lost road games to Louisiana State and South Alabama.

The Lady Toppers may prefer a remix of *On the Road Again* with lamenting violins and harps.

Western probably won't crack the Associated Press Top 25 again this season. The Lady Toppers have an outside chance at best to get an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Western's best chance to get to the NCAA Tournament is by winning the Sun Belt Conference tourney, which, by the way, is at Old Dominion.

So Western must learn how to



Joe Medley

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win on the road.

"Good basketball teams win on the road, and so far we haven't shown we can do that," Western coach Paul Sanderford said.

Western's road woes baffle Sanderford, and it must be hard to believe that a team talented enough to outplay Texas can't put the ball in the basket at LSU.

Sanderford has tried every trick in the good book of motivation to convince the Lady Toppers they can win. He borrowed a dramatic technique from the movie *Hoosiers* at South Alabama.

"Before the game I measured the floor, and I told the girls it's 94 feet," Sanderford said after the loss. "Both baskets were 10 feet high. Everything was just like it is everywhere else."

And it still didn't work.

Well, tonight is Western's big chance. In the town of Terre Haute, Ind., where Larry Bird's pale face

can be seen everywhere, lies ISU. Coming off a loss, the Sycamores are primed to be chopped down by a team with Western's talent.

The floor in the 5,000-seat ISU Arena is 94 feet long, the goals are 10 feet high and the Sycamores are no match on paper.

Could this be Western's first road win against a Division I team?

"We sure need one on the road," Sanderford said. "I don't care who it comes against. We need one."

The Sycamores have three players scoring in double figures, led by 6-2 junior center Julie Lein at 15.5 points and 6.7 rebounds a game. Junior 5-10 forward Althea Brown gets 10.4 points, and junior guard Jennifer Daugherty knocks down 10.

Western is expected to go with its usual starting lineup of forwards Tandreia Green and Mary Taylor, center Michelle Clark and guards Kim Pehlke and Kelly Smith.

Green gets 15.2 points a game, Pehlke throws down 11.1 and Taylor is good for 10.3.

On an up note, Western is coming off a rout of Dayton and a good game at South Alabama in the 74-70 loss. The Lady Toppers got only 16 minutes and three points from Green at USA.

"We effectively do without our leading scorer and rebounder and almost win the thing — we should've won," Sanderford said. "We played well, but it just wasn't

in the cards."

Who's hot? Who's not?

Pehlke, a sophomore, has been Western's leading scorer in the last three games. She's averaged 15.3 points a game during that stretch and had 19 points at South Alabama.

Green, who started the season as an All-America candidate, has been under double figures for three straight games.

However...

Green is approaching third-place Clemette Haskins on the all-time Western scoring list. Green scored her 1,600th career point against Dayton on Thursday and is in fourth place ahead of Beth Blanton.

Haskins, the Warren Central product, had 1,762 points in her four years at Western. Lillie Mason is the all-time leading scorer with 2,262 points.

Birdtown, USA

Terre Haute takes its love for Larry Bird seriously.

Western is staying at Larry Bird's Boston Connection. No kidding, that's the name of the hotel.

Sally Raque, the sports information director for the Lady Toppers, said Bird's face can be seen all over town.

"His face is even on our shower curtain," she said Sunday night.

Bird, of course, is the NBA legend with the Boston Celtics who led Indiana State to the NCAA championship game in 1979.

# Lady Toppers win on the road

## Indiana Miss. Basketball Westmoreland scores 21

A Daily News report 2-6-90

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — It took a road game — yes, a road game — to pry Lady Topper Renee Westmoreland out of her shooting slump.

In Indiana, Westmoreland's home state, magic connected with her shooting touch as she poured in 21 points to lead Western Kentucky's women's basketball team to its second road win in 10 tries this season, 70-49, over Indiana State.

The freshman guard who was Indiana's Miss. Basketball a year ago had been in a bit of a shooting slump. But Hoosierland helped, at least on Monday night. "It's about time," Westmoreland said of breaking her shooting slump. "Maybe it's being back in Indiana. I just felt something different."

Western (10-9) probably felt a little different during its trip to Alabama Birmingham for Wednesday's game after a win.

"It was really gratifying to put together a pretty solid basketball game start to finish," Western

coach Paul Sanderford said. "(Indiana State) is a team that likes to play a half-court game. Our pressure really bothered them all night."

Westmoreland's newly-found shooting touch put a cramp in the Sycamores' hopes for a win. She hit three 3-pointers, one of which quelled an Indiana State rally early in the second half.

The Sycamores had pulled within 39-30 at the 13:12 mark of the second half after being down by a count of 37-21 with 17:02 to play.

But Westmoreland drilled an 18-footer, followed by two Tandreia Green free throws. A **trex** by Westmoreland with 11:49 left propelled the Lady Toppers back to a 46-30 lead.

Indiana State never got within eight points afterward.

Western's performance as a team — four players scored in double-figures — overshadowed a free-throw shooting clinic by the Sycamores. Julie Lein hit an incredible 16 of 16 free throws en route to a 24-point evening. Indiana

State hit 24 of 26 for the game.

Westmoreland said Western's problems winning road games may stem from playing in front of such small crowds in opposing team's arenas. Could be the Lady Toppers are spoiled by the great crowds in the "Den of Doom," or Diddle Arena.

"It was probably just the mental approach to the game," she said. "We don't have the fans backing us. We came in here 1-8 on the road. Nobody really had any respect for us."

If Westmoreland can continue performances like Monday's, Western probably will continue to gain respect. Indiana State (7-13) can testify to that.

The Lady Toppers, who hit 28 of 56 from the field for 50 percent, got 14 points from senior Michelle Clark. Sophomore Kim Pehlke contributed 13, and Green added 11. Lein was the only double-figure scorer for Indiana State.

UAB is next for Western on Wednesday in Birmingham. The

Lady Blazers have an improved team, evidenced by a close loss to Old Dominion (59-56) on Saturday in Norfolk, Va. Western is 2-1 in Sun Belt Conference play.

"It's crunch time for us right now," Sanderford said. "UAB is the most improved team in the Sun Belt Conference. I think the key to the basketball game (at UAB) will be handling the basketball and getting it to the right people at the right situations."

### WESTERN (70)

Teal 0-4 0-0 0-0 0, Westmoreland 8-10 3-4 2-2 21, Smith 2-3 0-0 0-0 4, Barryman 1-2 0-0 1-2 4, Pehlke 6-10 1-2 0-1 13, Norman 0-2 0-0 0-0 0, Taylor 2-3 0-0 0-0 4, Clark 6-7 0-0 2-2 14, Payne 0-0 0-0 0-1 0, Green 3-15 0-0 5-6 11. Totals — 28-56 4-6 10-14 70.

### INDIANA STATE (49)

Simpson 0-1 0-0 0-0 0, Brande 0-6 0-1 2-2 2, Meyer 0-2 0-2 0-0 0, Bull 1-6 0-0 0-0 2, Danner 0-1 0-0 2-2 2, Averette 3-8 0-0 0-0 6, Daugherty 2-7 0-0 1-2 5, Lein 4-12 0-0 16-24, Brown 1-2 0-0 1-2 3, Eichhorst 1-6 1-1 2-2 5. Totals — 12-51 1-4 24-28 49.

Halftime score — Western 33, Indiana State 19. 3-point goals — Western 4-6 (Westmoreland 3-4, Pehlke 1-2), Indiana State 1-4 (Brande 0-1, Meyer 0-2, Eichhorst 1-1). Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Western 38 (Green 8), Indiana State 32 (Lein 7). Assists — Western 14 (Smith 5), Indiana State 4 (Lein 2). Total fouls — Western 21, Indiana State 17. A — unavailable.



# Lady Toppers, UAB to battle

By ANDY DENNIS 2-7-90  
Daily News Sports Writer

The Sun Belt Conference is a little different this season compared to years past.

It's not a two- or three-team race. Make it four and include Alabama Birmingham, Western's opponent at 7 tonight on the road. Western coach Paul Sanderford says Old Dominion, South Alabama, and WKU, along with UAB, are in the hunt for the title.

The Lady Toppers (10-9 overall, 3-1 in the SBC) are coming off of a road win over Indiana State on Monday. UAB dropped an 81-71 decision to powerful Kentucky in its last outing at home.

At stake tonight — second place in the conference. A win over UAB would give the Lady Toppers in a tie with South Alabama. If the Lady Blazers come out ahead, they would tie for second.

"They (UAB) are probably the most-improved team in the Sun Belt Conference this year," Sanderford said. "The thing that concerns me is

that they beat UNCC (at home). And they went to Norfolk (Va.) and played with Old Dominion for 39 minutes. They're for real."

UAB (14-7, 3-1) is improved, in part, by the addition of Proposition 48 casualty Jacque Nero, who had to sit out last season. Nero, a 5-foot-11 forward, pumps in 21.3 points a game and leads the team in rebounding at 9.2.

"She's strong and quick," Sanderford said. "That gives them that athleticism. They've shot the three-pointer well."

Center Rhonda Jackson, at 6-1, averages 8.6 points and 8.9 rebounds a game. Forward Gina Sutko adds 10.2 points. Guard Valerie Buckner is near double figures at 9.7 points. She also provides 2.7 assists a game.

Bev Williams, a 5-6 guard, rounds out the starting lineup. Jennifer Herman, a key reserve, is good for 7.2 points and 4.1 rebounds.

For Western, another road win would solidify confidence gained in the win over Indiana State. The

Lady Toppers are a mere 2-8 away from Diddle Arena this season.

"I've said all along, if you play well, you can win anywhere," Sanderford said. "We just haven't played well on the road. That fact that we did win (at Indiana State) has got to help us a little bit."

"But that game is over. We've got to play again."

Sanderford watched freshman Renee Westmoreland explode for 21 points in Terre Haute, Ind., on Monday. The 5-10 reserve guard had been in a slump.

Tandrea Green continues to lead Western with a 15-point average. Green also nabs 7.3 rebounds a contest. Kim Pehlke, a sophomore guard, hits for 11.2 points each night.

Forward Mary Taylor averages 9.9 points and 5.9 rebounds. Center Michelle Clark contributes 8.6 points and pulls down 5.8 boards. Point guard Kelly Smith averages 4.8 points and dishes out 3.2 assists.

## Frosh reserve sparks UK; Western, Eastern triumph

Special to The Courier-Journal

### COLLEGE WOMEN

Kristi Cushenberry came off the bench to score 15 points to lead the University of Kentucky over host Alabama-Birmingham 81-71 last night in a women's college basketball game.

Cushenberry, a freshman guard, also had six assists, and senior forward Vanessa Foster-Sutton had 14 points as UK (15-6) pulled away from a 26-26 halftime tie by hitting 66 percent from the field in the second half after hitting only 36 percent in the first half.

Alabama-Birmingham (14-7) was led by Gina Sutko with 20 points.

**Western Kentucky 70, Indiana State 49:** Renee Westmoreland scored 21 points as Western (9-9) placed four players in double figures and cruised past host Indiana State (7-13).

Michelle Clark added 14 points for WKU, while Kim Pehlke had 13 and Tandrea Green had 11 points and eight rebounds.

Indiana State, which hit just 12 of 51 shots (23 percent) was led by Julie Lein with 24 points.

**Eastern Kentucky 89, Morehead 82:** Kelly Cowan had 24 points as visiting Eastern (9-9, 4-3) placed five players in double figures and beat Ohio Valley Conference foe Morehead (8-12, 2-5).

In a game that had 16 ties and 16

lead changes, Eastern took the lead for good at 76-75 on a three-pointer by Cheryl Jones with 4:21 left. Jones' basket sparked a 9-2 run.

Cowan, a junior forward, also had 10 rebounds, six assists and three steals, and she hit 3 of 6 three-pointers. Tracey Kindred added 17 points and seven assists, hitting 3 of 4 three-pointers. Sophomore Julie Magrane led Morehead with 23 points and 14 rebounds. Kelly Downs added 20 points.



# Lady Tops storm back to top UAB 80-77 in overtime

A Daily News report

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Western Kentucky's Lady Toppers could have used a shovel to dig themselves out of a hole the Alabama Birmingham Lady Blazers dug for them in the first half Wednesday.

Sophomore Jacque Nero was doing the cultivation in the first 20 minutes, scoring 20 points, including 10 of 10 shooting from the free-throw line.

But it was a key three-pointer by Kim Pehlke with 53 seconds left in regulation that bolted Western into an overtime with the Lady Blazers, and Western went on to win 80-77 in a key Sun Belt Conference game.

This after being behind by 14 points in the first half. Two free throws by freshman Renee Westmoreland with 24 seconds left in the overtime dusted off a road win for the Lady Toppers, who rose to 11-9 overall and 3-1 in the league.

"For us to come in and battle back, this may have been our biggest game of the year," said Western coach Paul Sanderford. "Tonight, the kids were not going to be denied."

The victory put Western in a tie for second place with South Alabama. UAB, 14-8, 3-2, dropped to third place. Old Dominion leads the conference.

The Lady Blazers jumped out to a 22-8 lead in the first half and led 42-33 at intermission. It appeared Western was in for a long night on the road.

With just under 18 minutes to play, the Lady Toppers were down 51-39. But a 9-0 run brought Western to within 51-48.

UAB led 68-63 with 2:17 remaining. But a Pehlke layup, two free throws by Tandreia Green and the big three-point shot by Pehlke gave the Lady Toppers an extra five minutes to win the big one.

Junior Mary Taylor, who had 10

points in the second half, hit two free throws to open the extra period. Then she scored after a Green steal to put the Lady Toppers up 74-71 with 2:31 to play.

Valecia Buckner scored for UAB, but Green answered with a jump-shot, followed by two free throws by Westmoreland to seal the win.

Green came out of her slump to lead Western with 26 points. Green found a new touch Wednesday night. A conversation with herself was the key to her success against UAB.

"I've sat and I've talked to myself and said I needed to get it done," Green said. "We had to win this game because we didn't want to play (Old Dominion) the first game of the (Sun Belt) tournament."

Nero must have thought the same thing. The burly 5-10 sophomore exploded for 31 points, but she wasn't as effective in the second half.

"(Maria) Teal did a real nice job on Nero in the second half," Sanderford said. Nero "just totally dominated us in the first half."

Gina Sutko nailed five three-pointers in the game en route to a 17-point evening, including a trey with two seconds left in overtime, but UAB had no more timeouts remaining. Rhonda Jackson added 16 points for the Lady Blazers.

Pehlke had 14 for Western. Westmoreland had 12 despite playing the game with a kidney infection. Teal finished with 10 points.

**Western (80)**  
Teal 4-7 0-0 2-5 10, Westmoreland 4-8 2-6 2-3 12, Smith 0-3 0-1 2-2 2, Berryman 1-1 0-0 0-0 2, Pehlke 6-14 2-4 0-2 14, Norman 1-1 0-0 0-0 2, Taylor 3-6 0-0 4-4 10, Clark 1-5 0-0 0-0 2, Green 9-23 1-2 7-9 26. Totals — 29-68 5-13 17-25 80.  
**UAB (77)**  
Williams 3-5 0-0 1-3 7, Buckner 1-6 1-3 1-2 4, Gadsden 0-2 0-1 0-0 0, Sutko 5-13 5-10 2-4 17, Nero 10-18 0-0 11-14 31, Jackson 6-11 0-0 4-4 16, Herman 0-0 0-0 0-0 0, Wiser 1-3 0-0 0-0 2. Totals — 26-58 6-14 19-25 77.  
**Halftime** — UAB 42, Western 33. 3-point goals — UAB 6-14 (Buckner 1-3, Gadsden 0-1, Sutko 5-10), Western 5-13 (Westmoreland 2-6, Smith 0-1, Pehlke 2-4, Green 1-2). Fouled out — UAB (Williams). Rebounds — UAB 43 (Sutko 11), Western 35 (Green 8). Assists — UAB 18 (Williams 12), Western 12 (Westmoreland 4). Total fouls — Western 23, UAB 17. A — 1,510.

**Western Kentucky 80, Alabama-Birmingham 77:** Tandreia Green scored 26 points and grabbed 8 rebounds as Western Kentucky (11-9, 3-1) beat Alabama-Birmingham (14-8, 3-2) in a Sun Belt Conference game.

At Birmingham, Ala.  
**WESTERN KENTUCKY 80 (33-37-10)** — Smith 2, Pehlke 14, Taylor 10, Clark 2, Green 26, Teal 10, Westmoreland 12, Berryman 2, Norman 2.  
**ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM 77 (42-28-7)** — Williams 7, Buckner 4, Sutko 17, Nero 31, Jackson 16, Gadsden 0, Herman 0, Wiser 2.  
3-point goals — Westmoreland 2, Pehlke 2, Green 1, Sutko 5, Buckner 1.



## U of L falls, Western cruises

From Special Dispatches

Beth Hunt scored 28 points as No. 19 South Carolina clipped host Louisville 74-64 last night in a women's college basketball game.

South Carolina improved to 16-6 overall and 8-1 in the Metro Conference. U of L fell to 14-9, 4-7.

Louisville was led by Tuonisia Turner with 21 points, including a school-record five three pointers.

**Western Kentucky 84, Murray 64:** Michelle Clark had 21 points and 13 rebounds as host West-

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ern (12-9) beat Murray (14-9).

**Tennessee Tech 82, Eastern Kentucky 62:** Angela Moorhead had 29 points and 11 rebounds as No. 20 Tennessee Tech (18-3, 9-0) thumped visiting Eastern (10-10, 5-4) in an Ohio Valley Conference game. Eastern was led by Tracy Kindred with 17 points.

At Bowling Green  
MURRAY STATE 64 (35-29) — Huffman 6, Pierce 21, Wenning 9, Johnson 13, Pinson 8, Hutcheson 3, Waldon 4.  
WESTERN KENTUCKY 84 (49-35) — Taylor 10, Green 3, Clark 21, Smith 2, Pehlke 19, Teal 14, Berryman 9, Crutcher 2, Norman 4.  
3-point goals — Johnson 1, Pinson 2, Hutcheson 1, Pehlke 4.

## Western will face the Lady Racers

By ANDY DENNIS

Daily News Sports Writer

Coach Paul Sanderford says his Lady Toppers are getting there — meaning playing better basketball.

Western has won two straight road games and is poised for the Lady Racers of Murray State at 7 tonight in Diddle Arena.

Murray (15-8) thumped Western last season, and the Lady Toppers may use that incentive in the contest tonight. Sanderford says Murray will provide solid competition.

"They're big and strong," he said. "They're very strong on the boards. They've got two 6-foot-2 players inside."

One of those players is Michelle Wenning, who averages 15.5 points and eight rebounds each game. Karen Johnson pitches in 13.4 points and gets 7.3 rebounds. Tawnya Pierce is at 12.8 points a night and pulls down 6.1 boards.

Add in Melissa Huffman at 15.5 points and Murray brings in balanced scoring and strong rebounding.

But Western (11-9) appears to be gaining momentum going into the latter portion of the season. Part of that Sanderford attributes to maturity and part to the improved play of Renee Westmoreland.

The 1989 Indiana Miss. Basketball has been contributing off the bench for the Lady Toppers. "She's

given us a spark off the bench," Sanderford said. "She's been giving Kim Pehlke and Kelly Smith a break."

"When (opposing teams) play a zone, she's particularly effective because she's a good shooter."

A victory over the University of Alabama-Birmingham — in Birmingham on Wednesday, coupled with a road win over Indiana State on Feb. 5, were confidence builders for the Lady Toppers, and Sanderford said it may be an indication of the maturing process of the team.

"We've gotten much better guard play during the last few games," he said. "That's helped us a little bit."

Against Murray tonight, the Lady Toppers will need to hit the boards. Senior Tandreia Green leads Western in scoring and rebounding. She averages 15.6 points and 7.3 rebounds.

Green is coming off of a 26-point performance against UAB. Michelle Clark pumps in 8.3 points and gets 5.6 rebounds. Sophomore guard Pehlke, a three-point threat along with Westmoreland, hits for 11.4 points.

Junior Mary Taylor is at 10.1 points and corrals 5.9 rebounds a night. Point guard Kelly Smith, who is healthy after recovering from a bruised back, directs the offense while scoring 4.7 points a night.



# Lady Toppers rout Racers in Diddle

By ANDY DENNIS  
Daily News Sports Writer 2-13-90

While the Lady Toppers were dressing for Monday's game against Murray State, they probably felt like they were hearing echoes in the locker room.

Rebound...rebound...rebound. Those thoughts must have echoed through the players' minds as they stepped onto the floor.

Western Kentucky University Lady Topper coach Paul Sanderford had been drilling those thoughts into the minds of his players before Monday's game with Murray State University at Diddle Arena.

The constant reminder worked, evidenced by a 56-28 rebound margin for the Lady Toppers in their 84-64 win over the Lady Racers. The main rebounder? The player who had out the window cleaner for Western? Michelle Clark.

The senior went to the glass during the very physical game and wiped it clean for 13 rebounds, including nine offensive boards in the second half that led to 10 points scored off missed shots.

The six-foot-two forward also scored a career-high 21 points. "That's the main thing (Sanderford) put on the (blackboard) before we came out, rebound, rebound, rebound," Clark said with a smile that she wore for most of the game.

The Lady Racers (14-9) beat Western last season and a big factor in their win was a 43-30 rebounding edge for Murray. "I was very pleased with Michelle (Clark) both offensively and defensively," Sanderford said.

"I thought by far that was the best effort by Michelle all year. We need that kind of effort from her."

Murray coach Larry Wall said man-to-man pressure by Western shut down his club's offensive scheme. "We just couldn't get in sync tonight," he said. "We've played two teams in the Sun Belt (Western, South Alabama). Western is by far the better team."

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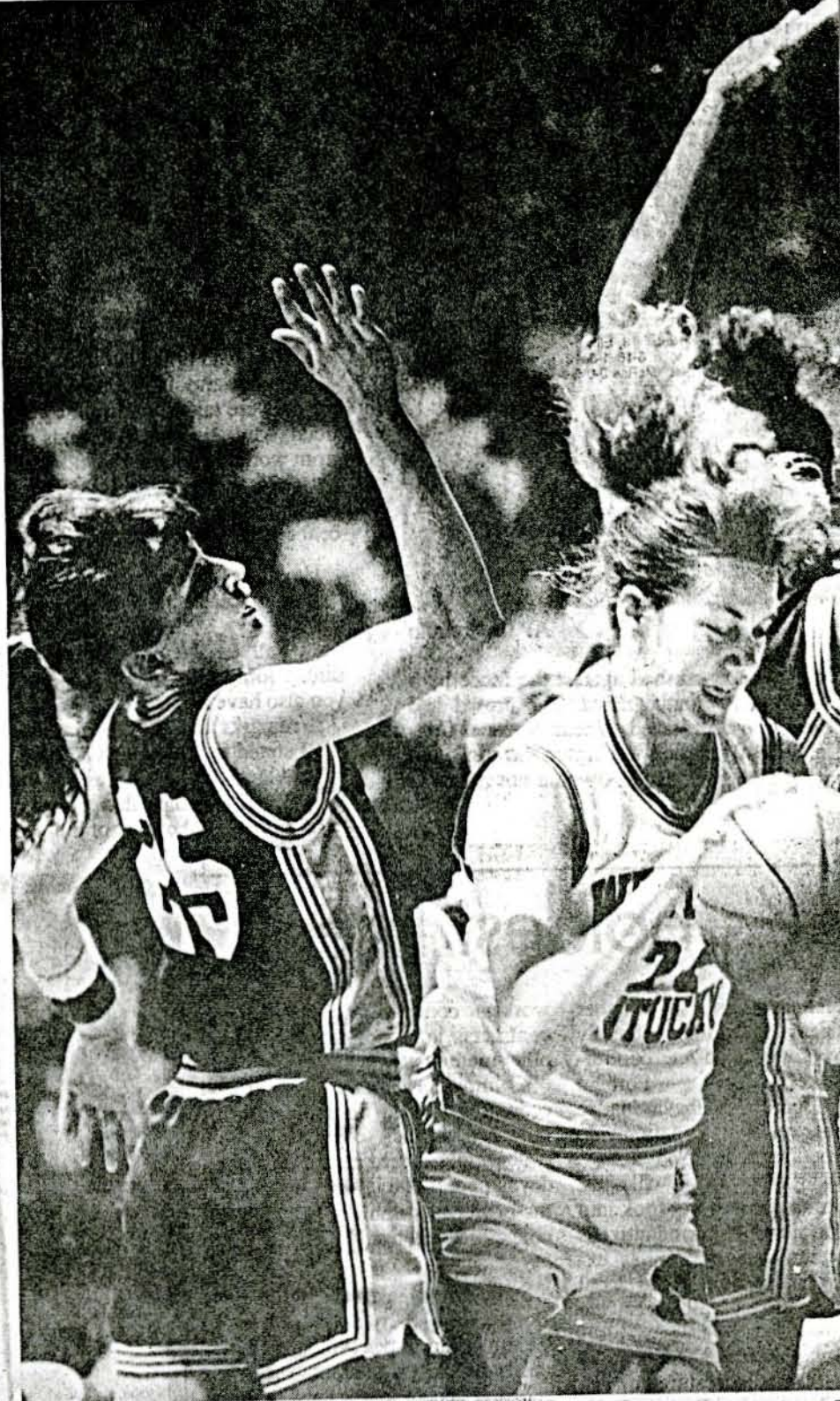
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"We left Teal open when we played our triangle-and-two defense on Pehlke and Green, and she hurt us," Wall said. "She did what she was supposed to."

"We just wanted to get everyone involved," Teal said. "I feel that we played well together."

Western (12-9) shot 54 percent in the first half, but cooled to 35 percent after intermission. For the game, the Lady Toppers hit 31 of 69 shots for 45 percent. Murray managed 24 of 58 for 41 percent.

The game was tight for the first 12 minutes. Western led 29-25 with 9:00 to play in the first half.



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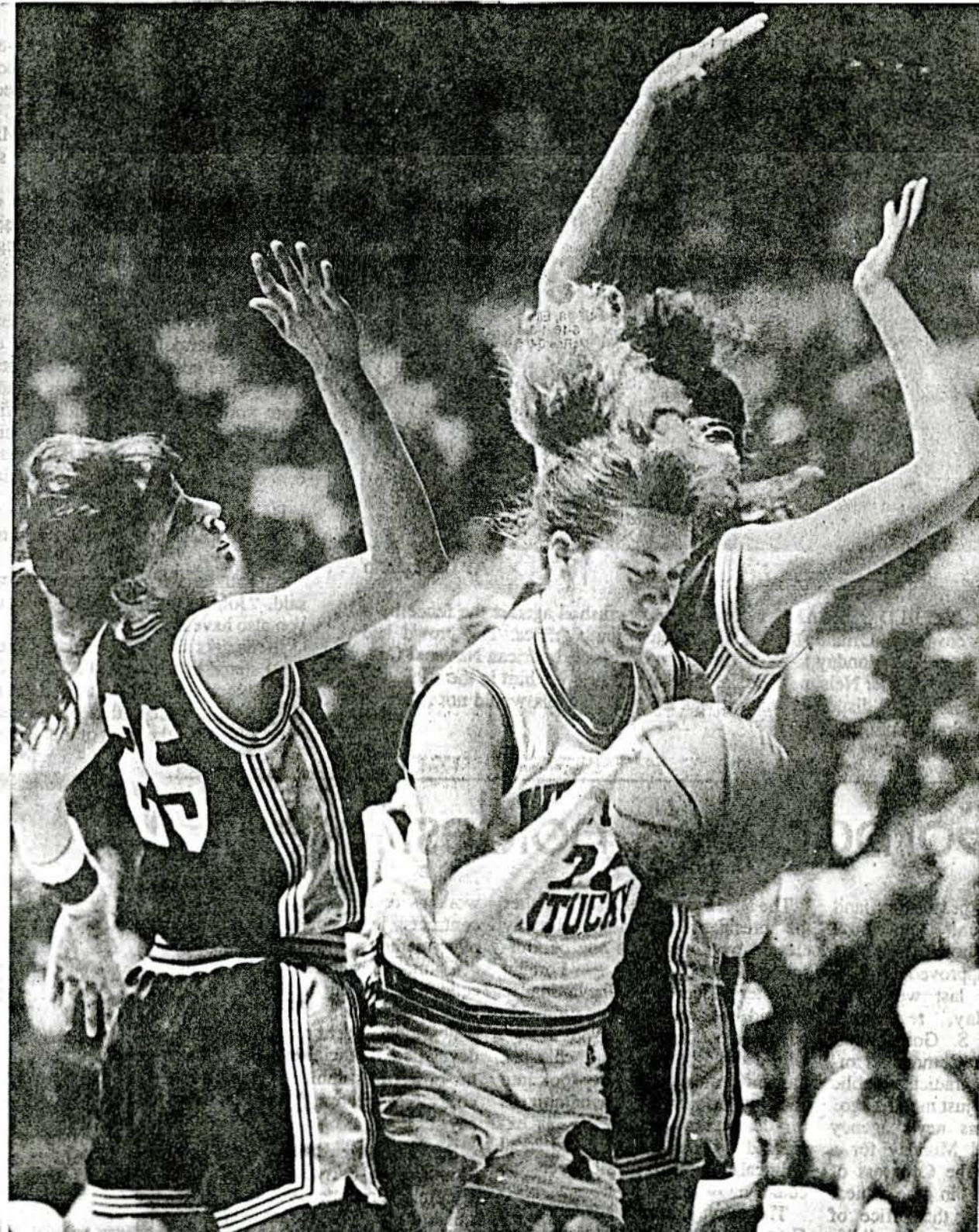
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# Lady Tops falter at Charlotte, lose by one

A Daily News report 2-15-80

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A dejected Tandreia Green couldn't believe what happened to her team here Saturday.

How could Western blow a nine-point, second-half lead to North Carolina Charlotte and give up an easy inside basket with five seconds left to take a 63-62 Sun Belt Conference loss?

"They just came out in that second half and outplayed us," Green said. I think we gave up at the end, and it cost us the ballgame."

Green, the Lady Toppers' 6-foot All-America candidate, didn't play like someone who was giving anything up. Green netted a career-high 31 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked nine shots for a conference record.

But Julia Burton was the big hero for UNCC when it counted most. Burton took a pass from Mia Nance in the lane and dropped in the two-footer for the decisive points. A desperation shot by Kelly Smith missed its mark.

So, despite Green's performance, the Lady Toppers (12-10) lost a chance to slip into a tie with Old Dominion for the SBC lead. Western fell to 3-2 and is locked into a tie for second place. UNCC raised its record to 16-6 and 3-2.

Western coach Paul Sanderford said it was a bitter loss.

"We won this game in just about every statistical category," he said. "We outrebounded them, we shot it better than they did and we blocked 12 shots. It's hard to believe we lost, but it's just one of those freaky things in basketball."

Western did seem in control throughout on Saturday. The Lady Toppers led from start to finish — almost. Western never trailed in the first half, and Green's short jumper followed by a free throw by Kim Norman put the Lady Toppers up 27-18 with 3:30 left in the first half.

**N.C. Charlotte 63, Western Kentucky 62:** Reserve Julia Burton's field goal with seven seconds left gave North Carolina Charlotte (16-6, 3-2) the Sun Belt Conference victory over the Lady Hilltoppers (12-10, 3-2).

Tandreia Green scored 31 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Western, while Pam Gorham's 22 points paced Charlotte.

At Charlotte, N.C.  
WESTERN KENTUCKY 62 (31-31) — Taylor 3, Green 31, Clark 6, Smith 2, Pehlke 9, Teal 8, Norman 3.  
NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE 63 (23-40) — Bingeman 7, Williams 1, Bowlin 11, Pam Gorham 22, Nance 9, Burton 7, Phyllis Gorham 2, Davis 4.  
3-point goals — Pehlke 1, Pam Gorham 3.  
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For the game, the Lady Toppers hit 23 of 55 for 42 percent. The Forty Niners sank 22 of 58 for 37 percent. Western outrebounded UNCC 41-37, but UNCC forced Western into 16 turnovers and ripped off seven steals.

Western didn't do enough on the defensive boards. UNCC picked off 19 offensive rebounds — many resulted in second-chance baskets.

A three-pointer by Pam Gorham and an inside basket by her twin sister, Phyllis, gave the Forty Niners their first lead at 57-56 with 3:07 left in the game.

Western immediately regained the lead, and a rebound basket by Maria Teal put the Lady Toppers up 62-59 with 1:07 left. But Western's offense — and its defense — stalled out from there.

Western will travel to Ohio University on Monday.

Western Kentucky (62)  
Taylor 0-5 3-4 3, Green 11-17 9-11 31, Clark 2-6 2-2 6, Smith 1-3 0-1 2, Pehlke 5-16 0-0 9, Teal 4-9 0-0 8, Norman 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 24-59 15-20 62.  
UNCC (63)

Bingeman 3-4 1-2 7, Williams 0-5 1-2 1, Bowlin 4-9 3-5 11, Pam Gorham 10-22 5-5 22, Nance 3-7 3-7 9, Burton 2-3 3-4 7, Phyllis Gorham 1-4 0-1 2, Davis 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 22-58 3-7 16-26 63.

Halftime score Western 31, UNCC 23. Three-pointers — Western 1-4 (Green 0-1, Pehlke 1-3) UNCC 3-7 (Pam Gorham 3-5, Nance 0-1, Phyllis Gorham 0-1). Rebounds — Western 41 (Green 10) UNCC 37 (Nance 6). Assists — UNCC 14 (Nance 4) Western 8 (Pehlke 4). Fouled out — UNCC Williams. Attendance 525.

# WKU men, women to play key SBC games

By JOE MEDLEY 2-16-80

Daily News Sports Editor

Western Kentucky's basketball teams are set for a doubleheader — of sorts.

Both teams will play North Carolina-Charlotte on Saturday at Charlotte. But the games will be played at different sites.

The men will tangle in a key Sun Belt Conference matchup at 1 p.m. CST in the Charlotte Coliseum. The women's game is set for 5 p.m. CST in a campus facility.

Both teams have tough battles ahead.

Western's men are 6-5 in Sun Belt play and 11-14 overall, and Charlotte (12-10 and 4-5) is playing well.

The 49ers won a big conference win over Alabama Birmingham at home on Thursday, 86-72, and Western coach Murray Arnold expects a victory to come hard if at all.

"Outside of UAB, Charlotte is playing some of the best ball in the conference right now," Arnold said. "They have Henry Williams as the threat outside, and they have such size inside."

Williams is one of the top sophomores in the country at 20.8 points a game.

Forward Cedric Ball, who didn't play in Western's 79-78 home win over UNCC on Jan. 20, gets 11.2 points and 9.2 rebounds. Benny Moss throws in 10.5 points from the outside.

Western is coming off of Thursday's 68-65 win over Virginia Commonwealth, in which four Hilltoppers scored in double figures. The win also grinded to a halt a four-game losing streak.

Western's women, 12-9 and 3-1, won't be overlooking Charlotte (15-6, 2-2). The Lady 49ers downed Sun Belt favorite Old Dominion at ODU last week.

Charlotte is led by guard Pam Gorham at 15.7 points a game. Forward Sandra Williams scores 14.8 points and pulls down 9.9 rebounds, Teresa Bowling, a 6-2 center, is in double figures at 11.3 points. She also gets 7.3 rebounds.

Western is a winner of three straight games. The Lady Toppers look to senior forward Tandreia Green, who gets 15 points and 7.2 rebounds.

Guard Kim Pehlke is at 11 points a game, and forward Mary Taylor gets 10.



## Western tops Ohio U.; Murray bows

Special to The Courier-Journal

Western Kentucky, behind a balanced attack led by Tandreia Green's 15 points, beat Ohio University 79-64 in a women's college basketball game last night in Athens, Ohio.

Kim Pehlke and Mary Taylor chipped in with 12 points apiece and Renee Westmoreland had nine for the Lady Hilltoppers (13-10), who took the lead for good 16-15 with 8:09 left in the first half on a free throw by Green.

Ohio University (8-15), which had three players foul out, was led by Dawn Heideman's 18 points.

**Middle Tennessee 71, Murray State 65:** Murray State coach Larry Wall was home with the flu and missed the game, the

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result of which is not expected to enhance his recovery.

Middle Tennessee, down 33-28 at the half, rallied to win the Ohio Valley Conference game in Murray. Stephanie Capley led the winners with 25 points.

Middle Tennessee improved to 10-14, 6-5, while Murray State, which

got 14 points from Michelle Wenning, fell to 14-11, 6-4.

**Louisville 77, Tulane 52:** The Lady Cardinals ended a seven-game Metro Conference losing streak and clinched their first winning season in five years by thumping visiting Tulane.

Freshman Erica Jackson had 17 points and 13 rebounds for Louisville (15-10, 5-7), which never trailed. Continuing the freshman theme, Nell Knox and Renee Hunter scored 14 points each.

## WKU to face Ohio after loss to UNCC

By ANDY DENNIS

Western Kentucky University's Lady Toppers are coming off of a frustrating 63-62 Sun Belt loss to University of North-Carolina Charlotte.

And with a 12-10 record, the only path to the NCAA Tournament is to win the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. That's not impossible by any means, and Western coach Paul Sanderford says his team is hardly through this season.

The Lady Toppers face Ohio University at 6 tonight in Athens, Oh., and Sanderford wants to start the Lady Toppers back on the track tonight.

"We've lost one game in February and it was on the road (UNCC)," Sanderford said. "I thought before the Charlotte game we had been playing better than we did earlier."

"We're just not playing with consistency. I haven't thrown in the towel by any stretch of the imagination."

Ohio presents Sanderford and the Lady Toppers with a similar matchup Western had with Illinois State earlier this season, Sanderford said.

The Lady Bobcats were 8-20 last season, but have matched that win total already this season. "Ohio is just a very disciplined ball team," Sanderford said. "They're not great athletically and they're struggling a

little bit.

"They play much better at home than on the road."

Ohio is led by guard Laura Reding, who throws in 15 points a game while snaring 5 rebounds a contest. Six-foot forward Dawn Heideman scores 13.5 points and leads the Lady Bobcats with an average of 9.5 rebounds.

Kelly Weir, a 5-10 guard, is good for 10.8 points. Leslie O'Brien, a 5-6 senior guard, and 6-1 sophomore Nicki Smith round out the starting lineup.

For Western, record-setting Tandreia Green leads the way with averages of 15.7 points and 7.3 rebounds. Junior Mary Taylor is at 9.6 points a game and pulls down 5.8 rebounds. Sophomore Kim Pehlke hits for 11.6 points an outing.

Green poured in 31 points at Charlotte — a career-high — and blocked a school-record nine shots.

With her nine blocks, Green became the all-time leading shot blocker in Sun Belt Conference history, passing former Old Dominion great Ann Donovan.

Even though Green played a superb game, the Lady Toppers are probably a little heart broken with the loss. "That was kind of a heart-breaking loss," Sanderford said. "I didn't think we played that badly, it was just we didn't make the plays down the stretch we had to make."



# Attendance record the goal

## Lady Tops set for ODU and shot at SBC tie

By ANDY DENNIS  
Daily News Sportswriter

All the marbles, so to speak, will be in Diddle Arena tonight.

Well maybe not all of them, but a good portion of them.

First place in the Sun Belt Conference and a state record are on the line in the matchup between Western Kentucky's Lady Toppers and the Old Dominion Lady Monarchs at 7 p.m.

A win would vault Western into a five-way tie for first place with ODU, North Carolina-Charlotte, Alabama Birmingham and South Alabama.

A loss would send Western free-falling into fifth place. Get the picture Western fans?

Lady Topper coach Paul Sanderford hopes so because he wants to set the state record for attendance at a women's game this season, something Western has done for the past six seasons.

A January game between the University of Kentucky and Tennessee was played in front of 7,100 fans in Lexington. Western and Sanderford want 7,101, at least.

"There's a lot of equity in the league this season, but I think Old Dominion is probably the best team in the league," Sanderford said.

The Lady Monarchs (15-8 overall, 2-1 in the conference) and Western (13-11, 3-2) would be playing for the outright title tonight had the Lady Toppers beaten UNCC on the road. The Lady 49ers clipped ODU in Norfolk a few games back, which helped Western's cause.

Games against Texas and Vanderbilt, both ranked in the Top 25 at the time, were important, said Lady Topper forward Mary Taylor. But compared to tonight's contest, those two games are peanuts.

Taylor isn't lost for words when it comes to the showdown in the "Den of Doom," also known as Diddle Arena.

"You look at both the Texas and the Vandy games like they were big games at the time," said Western forward Mary Taylor. "Our defense has got to be on and we've got to box out and rebound."

Taylor said Lady Monarchs coach Wendy Larry likes to send all five players to the boards, which might open a few doors for Western's running game. Taylor said Western will "try and take advantage of that."

Sanderford is taking a somewhat similar view, but he's a bit more subtle with his description of the gameplan. "Well, we're just going to play our game," he said. "If the break is there, we'll take it."

One advantage for Old Dominion

that Western didn't have is preparation time, Sanderford said. The Lady Monarchs had eight days to practice for the game, compared to Western's one.

Western dropped Ohio University on the road Saturday night. Even with only one loss in February, Sanderford said a team identity has yet to take form for his squad.

"We're still trying to find out what our game is and not worry about what the other team is doing."

The other team tonight will be getting the ball to All-American Kelly Lyons, who puts in 25 points a game. The 6-2 senior forward is "one of the best players in the nation," Sanderford said.

Leslie Davis, at 6-3, gives the Lady Monarchs more board strength. "They're big, but I think rebounding is a key in every ballgame," Sanderford said.

Senior forward Tandreia Green leads Western, scoring about 15.7 points a game. Taylor is good for 9.7. Sophomore Kim Pehlke hits for 11.6. Michelle Clark, a 6-2 center, and point guard Kelly Smith round out the starting lineup.

ODU has played a brutal schedule. Seven of the Lady Monarchs' eight losses have come against Top 25 teams. The Lady Monarchs lost to Texas by one point.

Texas fell to Western by four points in the "Den of Doom" on Jan. 11. If enough fans show up to watch tonight, the "Den of Doom" should be rocking.

# Lady Toppers get road win at Ohio

A Daily News report

ATHENS, Ohio — Ohio University was in a no-win situation here Monday against Western's Lady Toppers.

Western coach Paul Sanderford saved one of his best 'heart-to-heart' speeches for his bench players at the pre-game practice, and his reserve players came out smoking and pushed the Lady Toppers to a 79-64 win.

The Bobcats (8-15) came along at the perfect time for Western, which has struggled for road wins. The Lady Toppers needed some good fortune after Saturday's devastating 63-62 loss at Sun Belt foe UNC Charlotte.

"We needed this one," Sanderford said. The UNC Charlotte loss was, "outside our loss to West Virginia last year, the worst loss for me in my eight years here," Sanderford said. "After the way we played at Charlotte, I was real pleased with the way we played — especially our bench."

"Jennifer Berryman got seven rebounds in the first half. Maria Teal got a basket and two big steals, and Renee Westmoreland played well. Kim Norman did a good job, so that's four bench players who had an impact."

Western got steady play from some starters too. All-America candidate Tandreia Green scored 15 points to lead Western, and Mary Taylor played well in the second half and finished with 12 points. Sophomore guard Kim Pehlke also netted 12.

Dawn Heideman paced the Bob-

cats with 18 points on 6 of 11 shooting.

It looked like Western was ready to take control when Pehlke gunned in a three-pointer to give the Lady Toppers a 27-20 lead with four minutes left in the first half. The Bobcats answered with a 7-0 run. Western regained the momentum for good in the final 48 seconds of the half and scored the last eight points to take a 35-27 lead into intermission.

Western kept up the pressure in the second half, and Pehlke's second three-pointer put the Lady Toppers up 56-37 with 11:02 left in the game. Western led by as many as 24 points.

Pehlke said Western's bench goes deeper than four players.

"We got good passing from Nancy Crutcher, and Staci Payne played a good game," she said.

Western, at 3-2 and in a four-way tie for second place in the Sun Belt, has a chance to send the league into a five-way tie for first when it takes on first-place Old Dominion Thursday night in Diddle Arena.

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Ohio University (64)  
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# Lady Tops slam door on ODU with

2-23-70  
By ANDY DENNIS  
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The five Lady Toppers on the floor of Diddle Arena were down low. The pain of fatigue was evident on their faces. But it was time for every ounce of energy they had left to be used for defense.

For the final eight minutes of Western's 68-66 win over the Old Dominion Lady Monarchs on Thursday, the Lady Toppers closed the door on ODU's attempt to expel Western to fifth place in the Sun Belt Conference.

Instead, the Lady Toppers are tied with North Carolina Charlotte, Alabama Birmingham, South Alabama and the Lady Monarchs for first place going into the Sun Belt Tournament Mar. 9-11 in Norfolk, Va.

"The last eight minutes on the floor was the best five people have played defense all year," said Western coach Paul Sanderford. "I think the kids dug down deeper and the 6,700 fans really helped pump them up."

Western fell short of breaking the state attendance mark of 7,100 set during a UK-Tennessee game in late January. This is the first time in six years the Lady Tops did not get the record.

The win over the Lady Monarchs raised Western's record to 14-10 overall and 4-2 in the conference. ODU fell to 15-9 and 2-2.

Western bolted out to a 9-3 lead

early, but a 26-9 outburst by Old Dominion shocked the crowd and the Lady Toppers. The Lady Monarchs led 27-17 with about six minutes to go in the first half.

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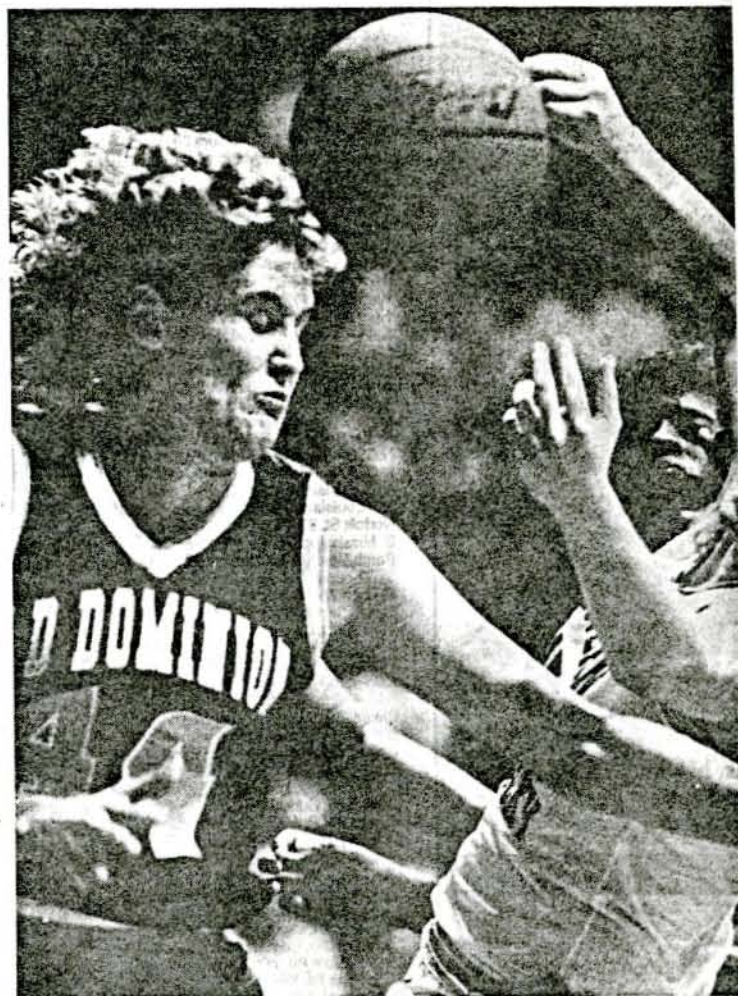
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WESTERN'S JENNIFER Berryman (middle) lunges for a rebound during Thursday's showdown with Old Dominion in Diddle Arena. Lady Monarchs Kelly Lyons (44), Jackie Kenney (15), and WKU's Tandreia Green (background) look on.

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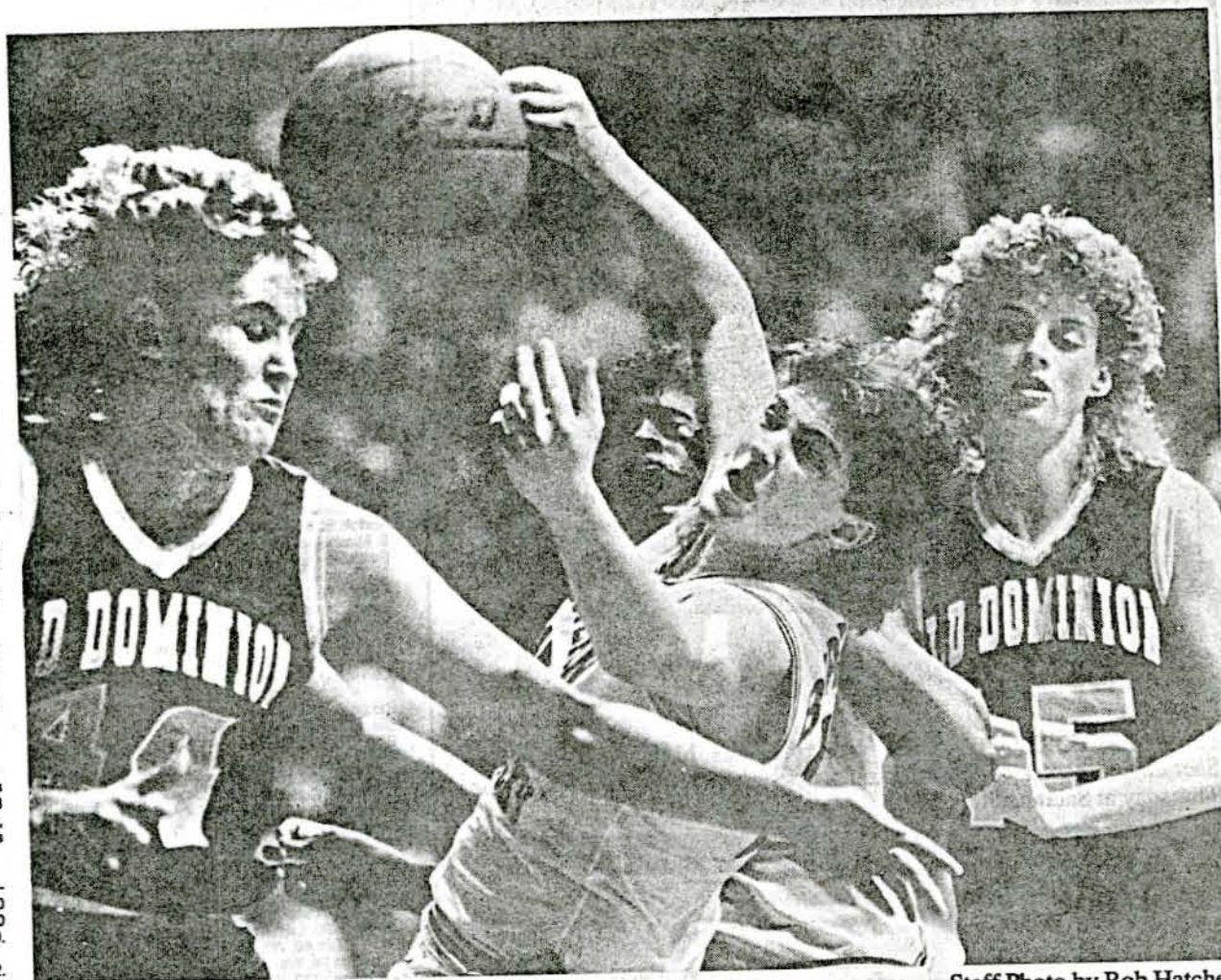
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Staff Photo by Rob Hatcher

WESTERN'S JENNIFER Berryman (middle) lunges for a rebound during Thursday's showdown with Old Dominion in Diddle Arena. Lady Monarchs Kelly

Lyons (44), Jackie Kenney (15), and WKU's Tandreia Green (background) look on.

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# Last-second shot gives WKU upset over Tech

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A Daily News report

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — It was the kind of a play that fans and coaches probably will never forget.

With the game tied at 72 between Western's Lady Toppers and 18th-ranked Tennessee Tech on Sunday, the Golden Eaglettes were to inbound the ball with 16 seconds remaining.

But Western batted the ball toward the out of bounds line. That's when senior Tandreia Green saved the ball from going out of bounds and into the hands of center Michelle Clark.

Clark, at 6-2, raced down court, threw up a 10-footer that went in at the buzzer and the Lady Toppers had the upset win, 74-72.

"What can you say about that last play?" asked Western coach Paul Sanderford. "(Green) did a good job of tipping the ball out. Then my center (Clark) dribbled it in for a jumpshot.

"I was kind of concerned if the officials would give it to us."

The officials did, and the 15-10 Lady Toppers jolted Tennessee Tech (20-4), something very few teams have done on the Golden Eaglettes home floor.

Will the win over another ranked team benefit the Lady Toppers' chances of getting a bid to the NCAA Tournament should they not win the Sun Belt Tournament?

"It's too early to say," Sanderford said. "But I think this will help us."

Western has beaten Texas, Vanderbilt, Old Dominion, and Tech — all of which were ranked in the Top 25 at the time of the wins or had been earlier in the season.

Green, who led Western with 23 points, said that after an emotional win against Old Dominion on Thursday in Diddle Arena, fans may not have expected such a performance on the road.

"We knew people thought we were going to come out a little flat after the ODU-high," Green said. "We wanted to come out and play hard."

The game was a battle from the opening tip. Neither team led by more than seven points in the contest. The teams exchanged leads several times in the first half. A three-pointer at the buzzer by Western's Jennifer Berryman tied the game at 34 at intermission.

Tech's Mitzi Rice put on a three-point display in the first half, hitting 4 of 5 "home runs" to keep the Golden Eaglettes close. Western, meanwhile, managed 3 of 9 treys for the game.

But Rice, who was 5 of 7 from behind the three-point stripe for the game, cooled in the second half, finishing with 17 points.

The second half belonged to Green. She scored 15 of her 23 points in the second 20 minutes, and hit a shot with 16 seconds to tie the game at 72, setting the stage for Clark's heroic shot.

The Lady Toppers were trying to defend against 6-2 Angela Moorehead, who came into the game averaging around 24 points a contest. Moorehead managed to get her 24 points.

"We were trying to switch up on her and get her confused and it worked at times, but at the end, they went to their money-woman," Green said. "We really didn't think they could play us man-to-man."

Junior forward Mary Taylor, who played the game with the flu, scored 11 points for the Lady Toppers. Melinda Clayton tossed in 11 for Tech to round out the game's double-figure scorers.

For the game, Western shot 26 of 61 for 43 percent while Tech managed 26 of 55 for 47 percent. The Lady Toppers won the rebounding battle 40-37 behind Green's nine boards.

Next up for Western will be another OVC opponent in Middle Tennessee on Wednesday in Diddle Arena. It will mark the last home game for seniors Clark and Green.

"We don't have any games left on our schedule that are breathers," Sanderford said.

## Western (74)

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## Tennessee Tech (72)

Peterson 0-1 0-0 0-0 0, Monday 0-1 0-0 1-2 1, Scott 1-1 0-0 0-0 2, Rice 5-12 5-7 2-3 17, Moorehead 10-16 0-1 4-5 24, Ramsey 4-8 0-1 1-2 9, Clayton 3-6 0-0 5-8 11, Adams 3-10 0-0 2-5 8. Totals — 28-55 5-11 15-25 72.

Halftime score — Western 34, Tennessee Tech 34. Three-pointers — Tennessee Tech 5-11 (Rice 5-7, Moorehead 0-1, Ramsey 0-1) Western 3-9 (Westmoreland 1-4, Berryman 1-1, Pehlke 1-3, Green 0-1). Rebounds — Western 40 (Green 9), Tennessee Tech 37 (Clayton 10). Assists — Tennessee Tech 20 (Moorehead, Ramsey, Clayton 4), Western 18 (Smith 6). Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. A — 3,140.

# Lady Tops set to battle No 18 Tennessee Tech

2-25-90  
A Daily News report

Lady Topper coach Paul Sanderford is a realist.

Beating Tennessee Tech on the road today (Gametime 2 p.m.) would boost Western's chances of getting into the NCAA tournament with an at-large berth.

But winning the Sun Belt Tournament appears to be the only solid way of getting in this season.

"Beating Tennessee Tech on the road would be a big step," Sanderford said. "Right now, at 14-10, I don't know. We had some bad losses early in the year even though we're playing well now."

"I still think it takes 19 or 20 wins to get in."

Three games remain on the Western schedule before the tournament. Tennessee Tech today, Middle Tennessee at home on Wednesday, and Northeast Louisiana on the road Mar. 4.

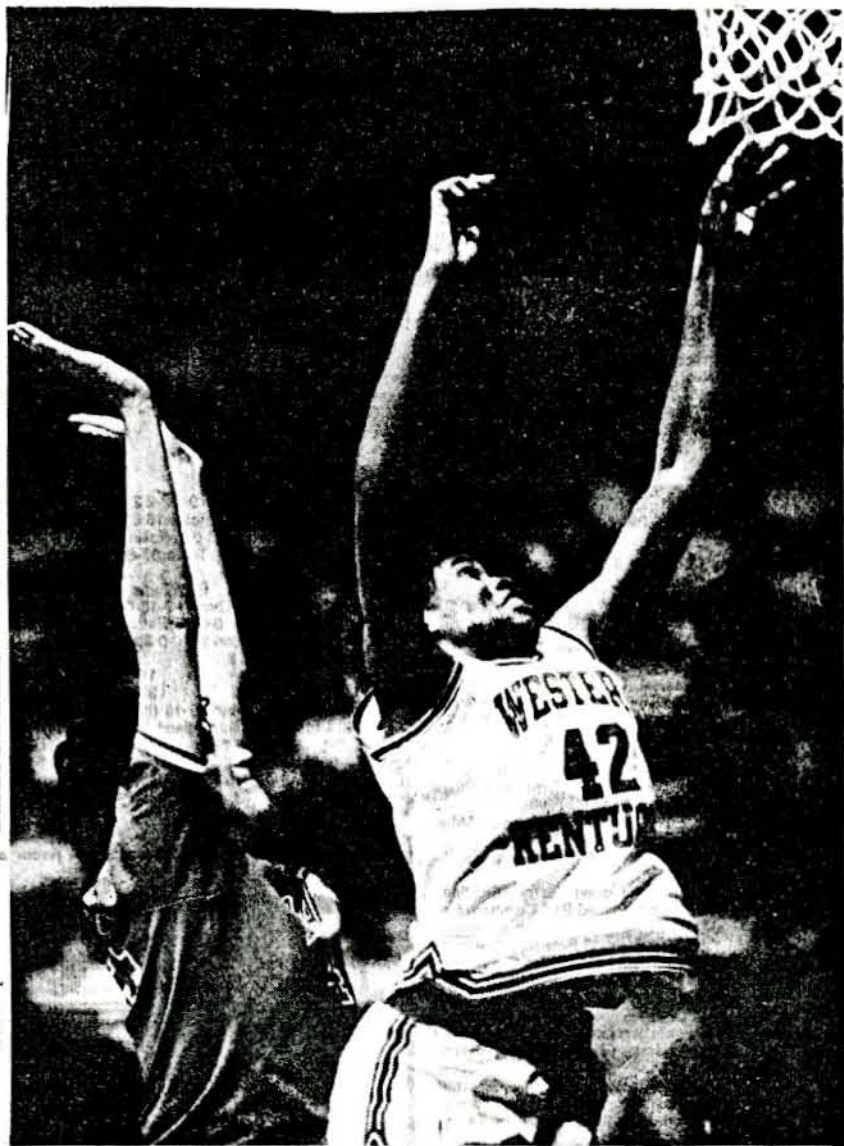
Tennessee Tech is ranked 18th in the nation by the Associated Press. Angela Moorehead, a former high school All-American from Shelbyville High School in Tennessee, averages about 20 points and 10 rebounds for Tennessee Tech.

Undeclared in the Ohio Valley Conference, the Golden Eaglettes (20-3) sport 6-2 Renay Adams and 6-1 Melinda Clayton up front.

Cecilia Ramsey returns in the backcourt from last season's second round NCAA tournament participant Tennessee Tech. Pitch in Moorehead and Western will have its work cut out for it this afternoon.

Tandreia Green leads Western with around 17 points a game. Kim Pehlke hits for around 12. Junior Mary Taylor is good for around 10 a game. Michelle Clark is scoring nearly 10 a game. Kelly Smith rounds out the starting lineup at the point guard position.





# Clark, Green will bid farewell tonight

By ANDY DENNIS

Daily News Sports Writer

On Sunday in Cookeville, Tenn., Western Kentucky fans had a chance to get a glimpse of Lady Topper history in the making.

With seconds remaining, Tandreia Green made a steal, saved the ball in bounds to Michelle Clark, who dribbled down court and hit a last-second jumper to seal a 74-72 upset over No. 18 Tennessee Tech.

That scene couldn't have come in a more timely manner. The Lady Toppers are bearing down on a trip to the NCAA Tournament. Clark and Green, the two seniors on this year's Western team, will have a chance to perform their last miracle in front of the crowd at 8 tonight in Diddle Arena as Western takes on Middle Tennessee.

Green and Clark have been productive for the Lady Toppers for the last four seasons. Road trips, emotional wins and losses, and friendships are coming to a close for the two seniors.

Both are torn between school pride and sadness.

"I feel happy in a way that I made it all four years," Green said. "It'll be disappointing that it's coming to an end. You don't realize it's coming to an end until it's here."

Green said her memories will be

colored with scenes of the fans in Diddle Arena and people connected with the program. "I'll remember all of the players and the coaches that have helped me when I needed them," Green said.

"I'll look back on the road trips that have been a lot of fun."

"They've both played a lot of basketball," said Western coach Paul Sanderford. "They've developed as basketball players and both have contributed a lot to the university."

Clark, meanwhile, expressed similar feelings. "It'll be a sentimental thing for me because it seemed like time just flew by," she said. "I just hope I'll go out on a good note."

Sanderford is counting on his troops making good music tonight, particularly string music for the Middle Tennessee Lady Raiders to hear.

The Lady Raiders, 11-14 going into Tuesday night's game with the University of Kentucky, are 7-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference. They own a victory over Murray State and played Tech close, but lost 79-69 in Cookeville.

Stephanie Capley, a 6-2 forward-center, averages 14.8 points a game. Pippa Gibson pumps in 13.5 points and hauls in 10.2 rebounds.

File photo  
WESTERN'S TANDREIA Green (42) demonstrates her scoring ability as she goes in for a layup against Dayton. Green and Michelle Clark, the Lady Toppers' two seniors this season, will play their last home game at 8 tonight against Middle Tennessee.

## Clark's shot at 0:01 lifts WKU over Tech 74-72

From AP and Special Dispatches

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — Michelle Clark hit a 12-footer with one second left to give Western Kentucky a 74-72 victory over Tennessee Tech yesterday in a women's college basketball game.

Tandreia Green, who led Western (15-10) with 23 points, hit a 18-footer to tie the score at 72 with 18 seconds left. Western then called a timeout. Tennessee Tech's Shawn Monday received the inbounds pass and

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threw it to Cecilia Ramsey. Western's Kelly Smith stripped the ball and dished to Clark, who hit the game-winner.

Angela Moorehead paced Tennessee Tech (21-4) with 24 points.

Iowa 85, Indiana 47: Franthea Price scored 25 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as No. 13 Iowa

took over second place in the Big Ten race.

Iowa bolted to a 23-5 lead in the first eight minutes and was never threatened. Iowa (19-5, 11-3) is a half-game behind league-leading Northwestern.

Jolette Law added 13 points for Iowa, which led 51-18 at halftime, and Toni Foster scored 11.

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## Westmoreland's big play lifts Lady Toppers 63-58

MONROE, La. — Freshman forward Renee Westmoreland made a key steal and scored four points in the closing minutes to spark the Western Kentucky women's basketball team over Northeast Louisiana 63-58 yesterday.

Western (17-10) led 34-24 at half-time and 48-36 with 12:37 left, but Northeast Louisiana went up 56-54 on Katrise Lee's jump shot at the 2:58 mark.

Westmoreland put the Lady Hill-toppers in front for good when she scored a layup off a steal to make it 57-56 at 2:19. Kim Norman padded the lead to 61-58 with four seconds left, and Westmoreland added two free throws after a technical foul on the Northeast bench.

Tandreia Green scored 21 points to lead Western. Northeast Louisiana (15-11) was led by Jab Johnson's 19.

C.J. 3-4-78

## WKU holds off NLU for road victory

3-4-90

A Daily News report

MONROE, La. — The Lady Toppers' future is looking brighter with each passing day.

After beating Northeast Louisiana 63-58 on Saturday, Western's record has blossomed to 17-10. In Monroe on Saturday afternoon, it took some luck and some good defensive play.

"I thought our kids did a nice job in the first half defensively," said Western coach Paul Sanderford. "If we had rebounded a little better, we'd have been in great shape."

Western will play the winner of Old Dominion-South Alabama on Friday in Norfolk, Va., in the second round of the Sun Belt Tournament. The Lady Toppers drew a bye in the first round after finishing tied for first place.

Western raced out to a 34-24 lead at intermission and was cruising along until about midway through the second half. The Lady Toppers led 50-40 with 10:18 to play after a Tandreia Green basket. But the Lady Indians made their move.

Spearheaded by the play of Jab Johnson, who finished with 19 points to lead Northeast Louisiana (15-11), the Lady Indians went on a 16-4 run to pull ahead by a score of 56-54 with 2:58 left.

At that point, what appeared to be the makings of a relatively easy win for Western suddenly was a battle.

Freshman Renee Westmoreland, who came off the bench to score 12 points, made a key steal with 2:19 remaining and scored on a layup to regain the lead for Western at 57-56.

Sanderford then called a timeout after the Lady Toppers rebounded a Lady Indian missed shot. After the timeout, Green scored underneath to boost Western's lead to three points with 1:04 to play.

A crucial technical foul was then whistled on the Northeast Louisiana bench after Kim Norman scored inside with three seconds left. Westmoreland sank the two technical free throws and Western had another road victory.



# Regional tourney pairings are set

3-5-90

By ANDY DENNIS  
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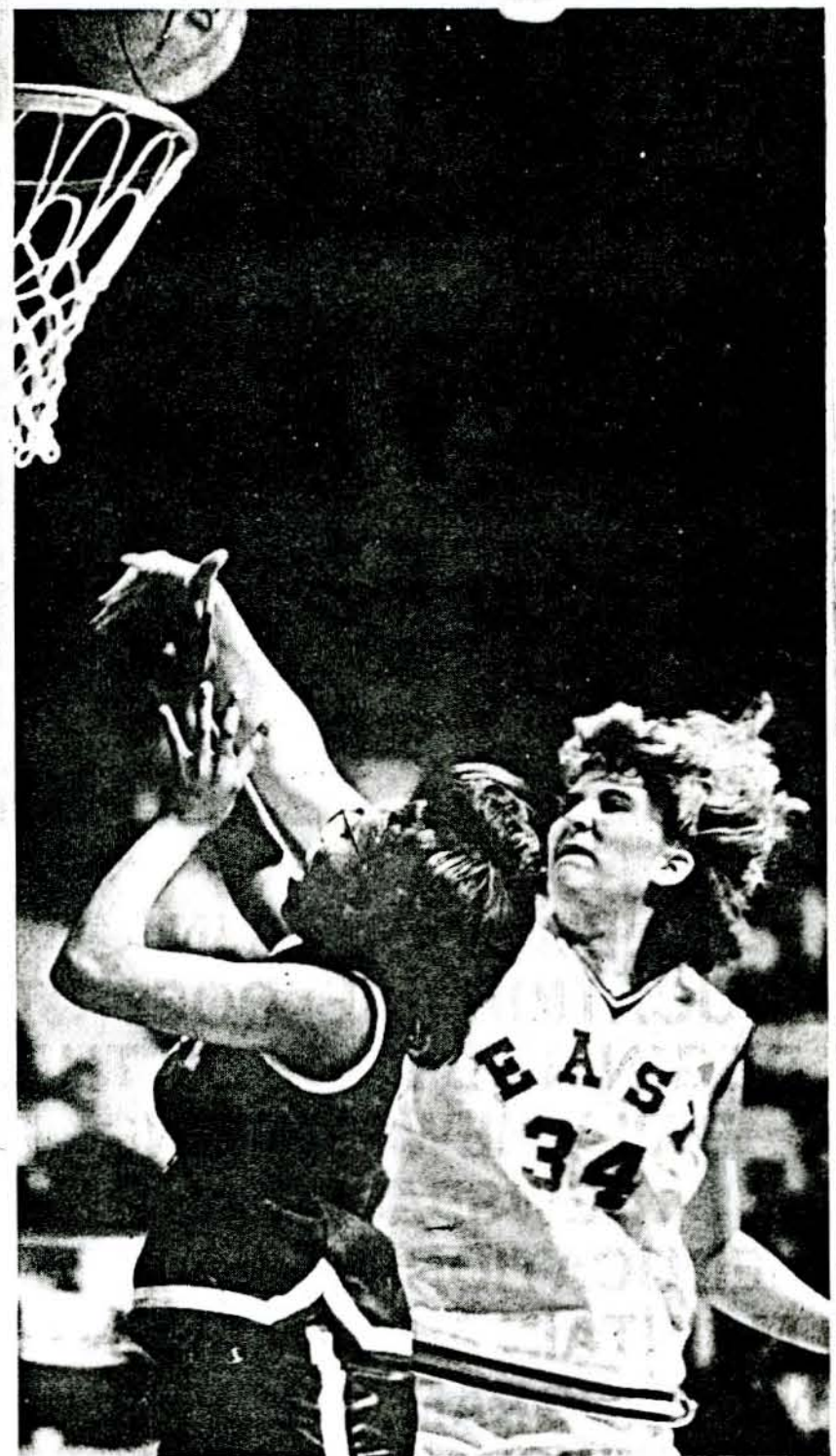
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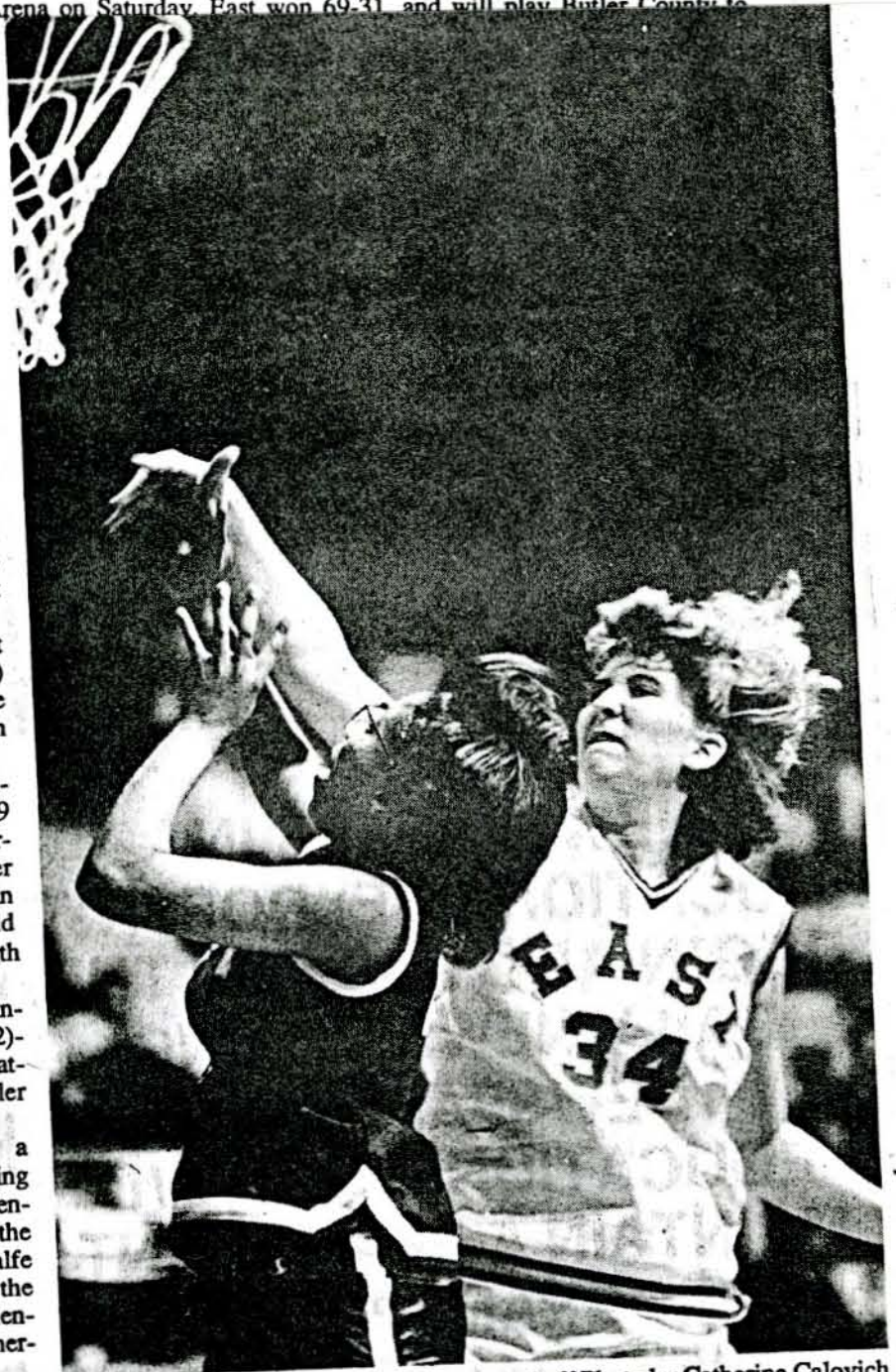
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# Seniors Green, Clark lead Lady Tops to win

By JOE MEDLEY 3-1-90  
Daily News Sports Editor  
Michelle Clark and Tandraia Green went out in style.

The two seniors on Western Kentucky's women's basketball team were the driving force behind an 80-64 win over Middle Tennessee Tuesday in their last regular-season game in Diddle Arena.

Green erupted for 19 points and seven steals despite missed time in foul trouble. Clark hit 6 of 9 shots and scored 15 points to go with five rebounds.

"Clark and Green really hurt us," Middle Tennessee coach Lewis Bivens said. "Their defense down there and the way they intimidated us made a big difference. They can put a body on you."

Western jumped to 16-10 heading into Saturday's game at Northeast Louisiana. Middle fell to 11-16 before 1,800 fans.

Green and Clark piled up impressive stats, but both were critical of their final home performances.

"I played OK, but I think I can do better," Green said. "I made some stupid fouls and got in trouble."

"I could've done better defensively in the first half," Clark said. "We all could've."

Western built a 22-10 lead with the help of 57-percent first-half shooting, but Middle caught up. Kristi Brown hit three three-pointers in the first half and brought the Lady Raiders back to within 27-25.

"I was disappointed with our in-

tensity on defense in the first half," Western coach Paul Sanderford said. "We were doing so well offensively, but we couldn't put them away on defense."

Green took over toward the end of the first half, scoring seven points in the final 6:17 to help Western back out to a 42-32 halftime edge. Green had 13 points at halftime.

Western picked up its defense in the second half and quickly pushed the lead out to 49-34. The Lady Toppers were up 55-45 when they ran off a 12-3 run to take a 67-48 lead. Western led by as many as 21 points.

Middle, which shot 37 percent and committed 22 turnovers for the game, got 19 points from Brown, 14 from Becky Hall, 12 from Stephanie Capley and 11 from Pippa Gipson.

Mary Taylor contributed 10 points for Western, and freshman Renee Westmoreland got nine points and a team-high seven assists off the bench. The Lady Toppers shot 46 percent and had only 13 turnovers to go with 18 assists.

MIDDLE TENN. (64) — Gipson 5-11 1-2 11, Capley 5-15 2-2 12, Hall 6-7 2-2 14, Morrison 1-6 1-2 3, Brown 4-14 8-10 19, Wright 1-3 0-2 2, Sisson 0-3 3-4 3, Mullins 0-0 0-0 0, Davenport 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-59 17-24 64.

WESTERN KY. (80) — Taylor 5-7 0-0 10, Green 8-17 3-5 19, Clark 6-9 3-5 15, Smith 1-5 3-4 5, Pehlke 1-4 2-2 4, Teal 3-10 0-1 6, Westmoreland 3-3 3-3 9, Berryman 2-5 2-2 6, Crutcher 0-3 0-0 0, Norman 1-3 2-4 4, Payne 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 31-67 18-26 80.

Halftime score — Western 42, Middle Tenn. 32. 3-point goals — Middle 3-13 (Capley 0-1, Morrison 0-1, Brown 3-11), Western 0-2 (Green 0-1, Pehlke 0-1). Rebounds — Middle 42 (Capley 9), Western 40 (Teal 6). Assists — Middle 16 (Morrison 6), Western 18 (Westmoreland 7). Turnovers — Middle 22, Western 13. Fouled out — Hall, Technical fouls — None. A — 1,800.

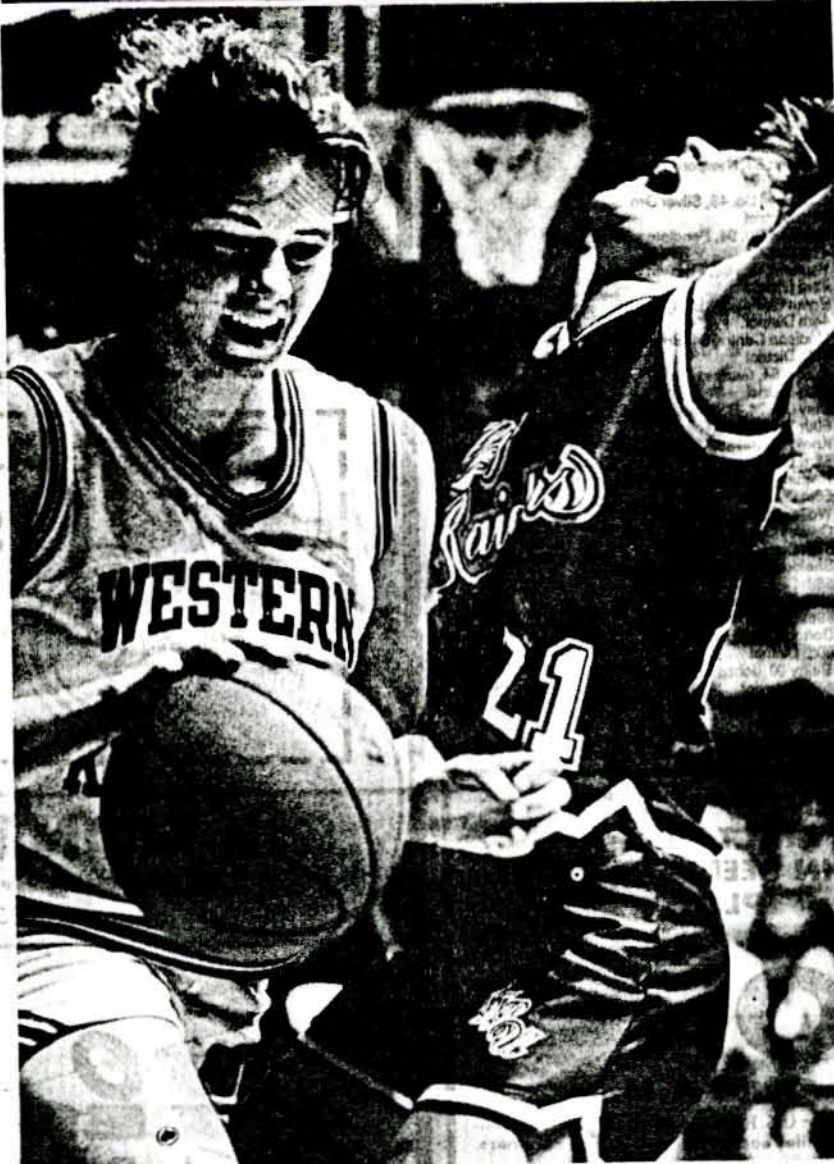
## Women

### At Bowling Green

MIDDLE TENNESSEE 64 (32-32) — Gipson 11, Capley 12, Hall 14, Morrison 3, Brown 19, Wright 2, Sisson 3, Mullins 0, Davenport 0.

WESTERN KENTUCKY 80 (42-38) — Taylor 10, Green 19, Clark 15, Smith 5, Pehlke 4, Teal 6, Westmoreland 9, Berryman 6, Crutcher 0, Norman 4, Payne 2.

3-point goals — Brown 3, 3-1-90.



Staff Photo by LaMar Weaver

WESTERN'S MARY Taylor (left) drives around Middle Tennessee's Kristi Brown during the Lady Toppers' 80-64 win on Wednesday night in Diddle Arena.

# WKU at top seed; top bracket loaded

By ANDY DENNIS 3-8-90  
Daily News Sports Writer

Getting the number one seed in a tournament usually is a blessing.

Western Kentucky's Lady Toppers, due to a five-way tie for first in the regular season, won top billing by the flip of a coin. But for Western coach Paul Sanderford, the Lady Toppers got flipped into a less-than-favorable situation.

Western could end up playing Old Dominion in the semifinals should the Lady Monarchs defeat South Alabama today. ODU has "the best team in the conference," Sanderford said. He also stated three of the better teams were in the top bracket (ODU, Western, and South Alabama).

(ODU and South Alabama were to play at 2 p.m. today. North Carolina Charlotte and South Florida were scheduled to play at 4:30 p.m., and Alabama Birmingham and Virginia Commonwealth were to follow at 7 p.m. The second round begins at 5 p.m. Friday with WKU taking on the winner of the ODU-South Alabama game. The second semifinal game will start at about 7 p.m. Friday with the championship game at 6:30 p.m. Saturday).

Sanderford would like to see the SBC schools begin playing more regular season games to more fairly determine seedings. "For me, it's disappointing that three of the better teams are in the top bracket and only one will make it to the finals," he

said.

"I think it's time for us to go double-round robin (with each team playing a home-and-home series with all teams during the regular season). I think that would eliminate the five-way tie situation."

Home-and-home series have not been financially feasible due to small travel budgets, Sanderford said. But "the bottom of the league has caught up and it's time," he said.

Western has been practicing for four days in Norfolk, Va., getting ready for Friday's matchup with either Old Dominion or South Alabama.

After beating Northeast Louisiana 63-58 in Monroe, La., on Saturday, the team traveled to Norfolk on Monday and is itching to get started.

"It's a long road trip," said Western coach Paul Sanderford. "We've been able to have a little fun and work hard to get ready, but you don't get a lot of rest on the road. We're anxious to play."

A Western team free of any major injuries is getting closer to time for its quest for a NCAA bid. The anxiety will soon subside.

The Lady Toppers (16-10) rebounded from a 3-7 start and have played well on the road — something the team did not do well at the beginning of the season. "I think we're getting some breaks we didn't get earlier," Sanderford said.

"I think we're playing with a lot more confidence right now. Whether



File photo

WESTERN CENTER Michelle Clark (30) defends against a St. John's player earlier this season. The Lady Toppers drew a bye in the first round of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament and will face the winner of the Old Dominion-South Alabama game Friday in Norfolk, Va.

or not we're playing good or not I don't know."

Sanderford said the ODU-South Alabama matchup would be a good one. "I think it'll be a great game," he said. "I think Old Dominion has the better basketball team and they are playing at home. But it should be a good one."

All-America candidate Kelly Lyons leads the 17-9 Lady Monarchs with a 25.2-point average. She also hauls in 10.2 rebounds.

South Alabama is headed by Sun Belt Player-of-the-Year Adrian Vickers. The 6-2 senior forward has been named first-team All-

Conference three of her four years at South Alabama.

Tan Green leads Western with a 16.4-point average. Sophomore Kim Pehlke contributes 11.1 points from her guard slot. Junior forward Mary Taylor sports averages of 9.6 points and 5.5 rebounds.

Michelle Clark, a 6-2 senior center, is at 8.6 points and 5.6 rebounds. Freshman Renee Westmoreland comes off the bench with her three-point shooting touch and contributes 6.6 points. Junior college transfer Maria Teal, also a substitute, is good for six points and 5.5 rebounds.



## ODU advances to play Western Ky.

NORFOLK, Va. — Old Dominion opened the second half with a 13-2 run and never lost control in an 81-72 win over South Alabama Thursday in the women's Sun Belt Conference basketball tournament.

The Lady Monarchs, 18-9, were to play 17-10 Western Kentucky at 5 p.m. CST today. In tonight's second semifinal, it will be North Carolina Charlotte and Alabama Birmingham. The championship is set for Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Old Dominion shot 56 percent for the game and, most importantly, got its starters plenty of rest for today's game.

"Fatigue probably won't be a factor tonight," Western women's sports information representative Sally Raque said. "They played everybody."

Kelly Lyons led the way with 22 points and 13 rebounds. She dueled with South Alabama's Sun Belt player of the year, Andrian Vickers, who had 23 points and six boards.

ODU got 11 points from Angela Jackson and 10 each from Jackie Kenny and Leslie Davis.

USA's Stephanie Richardson poured in 17 points, T.R. Clement had 14 and Aretha Harron scored 11.

In Thursday's other games, Charlotte beat South Florida 81-76 and UAB topped Virginia Commonwealth 75-69. Western won a first-round bye in a coin flip.

**Old Dominion 73, Western Kentucky 65:** Forward Kelly Lyons scored 28 points and pulled down 13 rebounds as Old Dominion opened a 41-24 halftime lead and held off Western in the second round of the women's Sun Belt Conference Tournament in Norfolk, Va.

Forward Tandreia Green scored 13 points, reserve Maria Teal added 12 and center Michelle Clark tossed in 10 for the Lady Hilltoppers.

Guard Angela Jackson scored 16 points for Old Dominion, while center Leslie Davis grabbed 12 rebounds, eight off the offensive boards. C.J. 3-10-90

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At Norfolk, Va.

**OLD DOMINION 73 (41-32) —** Kenney 10, Lyons 28, Davis 7, Jackson 16, Rubin 2, Jones 3, Cummings 7, Gilmore 0.  
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3-point goals — Jackson 1, Jones 1, Cummings 1, Green 1, Pehike 1. C.J.

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## WKU's Green earns first-team status

The All-Sun Belt Conference's women's basketball teams were announced today and Western Kentucky's Tandreia Green made the first team.

Green, a senior forward, averaged 16.4 points a game and seven rebounds this season. No other Western player made the first or second team.

South Alabama's Adrian Vickers was named the Player of the Year. Other first-team selections were Kelly Lyons of Old Dominion, Jacque Nero of Alabama-Birmingham, and Angela Jackson of ODU.

Second team selections included: Pam Gorham of North Carolina-Charlotte; Angie Snyder of South Florida; Sandra Williams of South Alabama; Gina Sutko of UAB; and Virginia Commonwealth's Dianne Williams. D.V. 3-7-90



# Lady Toppers get DePaul, the ninth seed

By ANDY DENNIS 3-12-90  
Daily News Sports Writer

NORFOLK, Va. — College coaches can't be right all the time.

Western Kentucky University Lady Toppers coach Paul Sanderford is glad he was wrong. "Basically, I told our kids (after a semifinal loss to Old Dominion in the Sun Belt Tournament on Friday) that our season was over," Sanderford said after the loss.

Boy is Sanderford glad his forecast was in error. Western received a bid on Sunday to play in the NCAA Tournament. The Lady Toppers (17-11) will tackle the DePaul Lady Blue Demons (21-9) at 7:30 CST on Wednesday in Chicago in the first round of the Mideast Regional. Western is seeded ninth. DePaul is eighth.

"I think we were all very excited about being selected and a little surprised," Sanderford said today. "I was afraid losing in the semifinals would hurt us, but our schedule stood out. Another factor was we played well in February."

After a disastrous first half, the Lady Toppers dropped a 73-65 decision to Old Dominion in the semifinals of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament on Friday in Norfolk. The Lady Toppers also started off the season 2-5 and lost the first six road games.

But with the eighth strongest regular-season schedule in the country and wins over Texas, ODU and Vanderbilt, the Lady Toppers snuck in the door of the NCAA.

"I think it shows a lot of the respect we have across the country for our program," Sanderford said.

If Western wins, they will play Washington, the top seed at 26-2. Western, regular-season opponent Vanderbilt (21-10) also is in the Mideast Regional. The Lady Commodores will match up against 11th seed Rutgers (21-9) on Wednesday.

Western had a disastrous first half against Old Dominion in the Sun Belt Tournament trailing 41-24 at intermission. Old Dominion went on to defeat the University of Alabama-Birmingham in the finals 72-57.

The Lady Toppers' bid is their sixth straight. Western has gone to the tournament every year since 1985.

Sanderford was skeptical about getting in, and he probably had a point. But with Western's schedule and tradition, the streak of NCAA visits stays alive.

"I'm as excited about this one as any we've been to because we've worked so hard to get there," Sanderford said. "There were a lot of good teams that didn't get to go."

## La. Tech, Lady Vols receive top seeds; Western gets bid

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Top-ranked and unbeaten Louisiana Tech, Washington, Stanford and Tennessee received top seeds yesterday for the NCAA Division I women's basketball tournament. Also receiving a bid was Western Kentucky.

Louisiana Tech (29-0), the top seed in the Midwest, and Tennessee (25-5), the top seed in the East, join Georgia, Mississippi and Long Beach State as teams that have made the tournament each of its nine years. Washington (26-2) is the top seed in the Mideast, and Stanford (27-1) the top seed in the West.

"We've been there every year, and it gets harder and scarier every year," said Louisiana Tech coach Leon Barmore. "I've said all along

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that you have to go through Stanford and Tennessee to win it, but there are a lot of other teams that will be tough. There will be a lot of upsets."

The Southeastern Conference led the 48-team field with a record six entrants. The Big Ten followed with five teams, and the Atlantic Coast Conference and Pacific 10 each are sending four teams.

Each of the top four regional seeds will receive first-round byes in the tournament that concludes with the Final Four in Knoxville, Tenn.

The first and second rounds will be played on campus sites March 14-18. Four teams will advance to the regionals March 22-24 at Norfolk, Va. (East), Iowa City, Iowa (Mideast), Austin, Texas (West) and Stanford, Calif. (West).

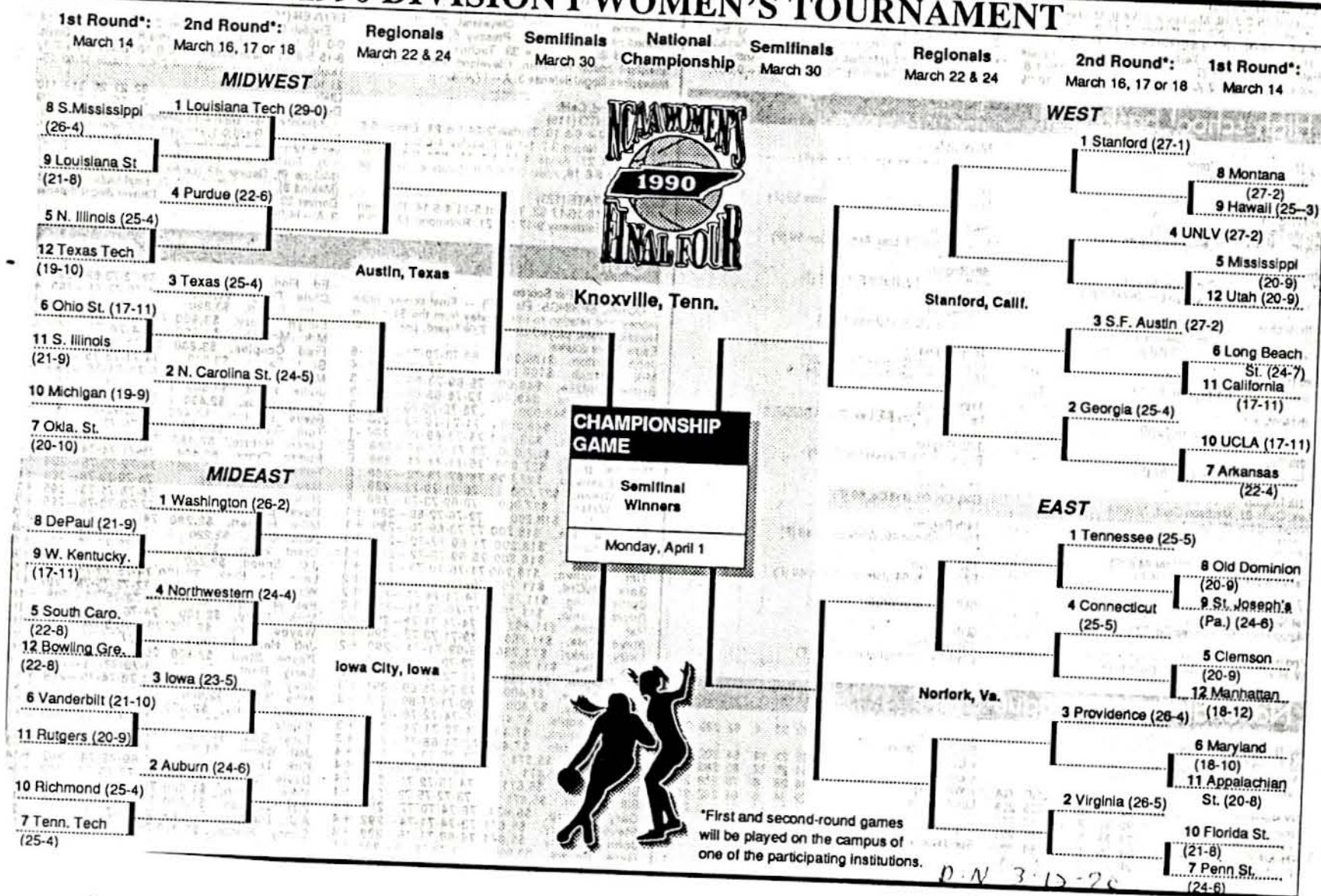
Western Kentucky (17-11) was placed in the Mideast Regional and will play at DePaul (21-9) Wednesday 14 in the first round. The winner of that game will travel to Washington for a game Saturday.

In the Final Four semifinals March 30, the East Regional champion will meet the West, and the Mideast champion will face the Midwest. The championship game will be April 1. Tennessee is the defending champion.

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# Lady Tops' post-season chances slim

By **ANDY DENNIS**  
*Daily News Sports Writer*

NORFOLK, Va. — For Western Kentucky's Lady Toppers, the chances of missing post-season play for the first time since 1983 are good.

Western lost 73-65 to Old Dominion Friday in the Sun Belt Tournament to go to 17-11, which puts them on the NCAA Tournament bubble at best. The pairings for the tournament will be announced at 5:30 p.m. today.

Apparently, Coach Paul Sand-  
erford won't accept a bid to the Na-  
tional Women's Invitational Tour-  
nament.

"At first he said he would, but then he changed his mind," Western women's sports information representative Sally Raque said, citing the nearly \$10,000 in uncovered expenses the NWIT would incur.

The Lady Toppers have played in the NCAA Tournament for five straight seasons and went to the NWIT in 1984. Western hasn't won an NCAA Tournament game since 1986.

The death knell for the Lady Toppers was Old Dominion's triangle-

and-two defense.

The Lady Monarchs (20-9), who went on to beat Alabama Birmingham 72-57 in Saturday's finals and gain an automatic NCAA berth, employed the junk defense against Western, and it spelled doom for the Lady Toppers.

"We expected them to play triangle-and-two but we didn't handle it well," said Western coach Paul Sanderford.

ODU was to play the University of Alabama-Birmingham in Saturday night's championship contest. UAB defeated North Carolina-Charlotte 74-67 in Friday's second semifinal.

For Western, the first half was a disaster. ODU slammed Western for a 41-24 advantage at intermission.

"We were confused offensively," Sanderford said. "We dug ourselves such a hole."

Junior Mary Taylor agreed. "We were confused offensively and defensively and we weren't doing the job on the boards," she said. "They just killed us on the boards"

From the hole Western dug for itself, it could look up and see what put it there. The Lady Toppers knew

the "junk" was coming.

"They didn't play (the triangle-and-two) in Bowling Green (a 68-66 Western win in the regular season), so we thought they'd come back with it," said senior forward Tandreia Green.

When Western had one three-point shooting threat in the game, ODU guarded Green and the shooter man-to-man. If two three-point bombers were on the floor, the Lady Monarchs covered them both man-to-man.

During the second half, however, Western opened its eyes to the trouble it was in. The Lady Toppers came out of the locker room with more offense and better adjustments to ODU's defense.

Green scored seven points in a 17-8 run which propelled Western to within 49-41 with 9:54 remaining. Two free throws by point guard Kelly Smith cut the ODU lead to 51-49 with 5:39 to play, but Western got no closer.

The Lady Monarchs hit 11 of 13 free throws in the last three minutes of the game for the decision.

Green led Western with 13 points. Teal came off the bench to score 12.

Michelle Clark pitched in 10.

All-America candidate Kelly Lyons paced ODU with 28 points and 13 rebounds. Angela Jackson threw in 16 and Jackie Kenney had 10 for ODU.

"I thought for us to beat Western Kentucky, we would have to play good defense, and we did," said ODU coach Wendy Larry.

So Western is on the NCAA bubble. "Western definitely belongs in the NCAA," Larry said.

But Sanderford realizes Western may not make it. "Basically, I told our kids after the game that our season was over," he said. "It would surprise me if we made it (to the NCAA). I thought whoever won tonight would go.

**Old Dominion (73)**  
 Kenney 4-10 2-3 10, Lyons 11-15 6-8 28, Davis 2-7  
 3-4 7, Jackson 5-15 5-8 16, Kubin 0-3 2-3 2, Jones 1-3  
 0-0 3, Cummings 2-3 2-2 7, Gilmore 0-0 0-0 0. Totals  
 — 25-56 20-28 73.

**Western (65)**  
 Green 5-16 2-13 13, Taylor 3-7 1-2 7, Clark 4-8 2-4  
 10, Pehke 3-10 0-0 7, Smith 1-3 4-4 6, Berryman 1-4  
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**Half-time score — Old Dominion 41, Western 24.**  
**Three-pointers —** ODU 3-8 (Kenney 0-2, Jackson 1-3,  
 Jones 1-2, Cummings 1-1), Western 2-11 (Green 1-3,  
 Pehke 1-5, Berryman 0-1, Westmoreland 0-2).  
**Rebounds —** ODU 42 (Lyons 13), Western 39 (Taylor,  
 Clark 6). **Assists —** ODU 11 (Kubin 4), Western 9  
 (Green 3). **Fouled out —** Smith, Western. — **Technical  
 fouls —** none. A — 903.



## WOMEN'S NCAA

### DePaul rallies to eliminate Western 73-63

Associated Press

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DePaul rallied with a 45-point second half to eliminate Western Kentucky 73-63 last night at Chicago in the first round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament.

Western (17-12) led 34-28 at halftime, but DePaul guard Melanee Ehrhardt led the hosts' rally and wound up scoring a game-high 22 points. Ehrhardt hit 8 of 15 shots from the field, including 4 of 8 three-point attempts.

DePaul (22-9) took the lead for good at 60-59 on an Ehrhardt basket with four minutes to play. Her three-pointer made it 63-60.

"I was open outside until I started hitting the threes," Ehrhardt said. "Then when they came out on me the middle opened up. That was important in the second half."

Western was beaten on the boards 42-34, and WKU coach Paul Sanderford noted that "it was a very physical game. I don't remember playing or seeing a game that physical. ... There was a lot of hand-checking and body contact in the second half on both ends of the floor. It's tough to hit a jumper when you have a body dragging you down."

Western was led by Tandra Green's 15 points and 10 rebounds.

## Lady Tops' seniors got new life when tournament bid came in

3-13-90

By ANDY DENNIS

Daily News Sports Writer

After the Lady Toppers dropped a 73-65 decision to Old Dominion on Friday during the semifinals of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, things looked bleak.

—Probably no NCAA bid.

—No SBC tournament title.

—A loss to arch-rival ODU to apparently end the season.

—And two seniors having to soak all that in.

But that wasn't the case, at least not entirely. As Joe Friday used to say, "just the facts mam."

Western got an NCAA bid, and the two seniors, Michelle Clark and Tandra Green, will get another chance to end their careers at Western on a more constructive note.

Western coach Paul Sanderford told his team the season was over, and the two seniors their careers were probably finished.

Sanderford and many others didn't see an NCAA Tournament invitation on the horizon. But Western (17-11) is in and will play DePaul (21-9) at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at DePaul.

"I'm tickled to death to get a second chance for the seniors," Sanderford said.

Clark thought the season was over, too. "I'm excited," Clark said. "I haven't been excited like this in a long while."

"I didn't think we were going to get in and a lot of other people didn't think so, either. We've got another chance to prove ourselves."

The Lady Toppers started off slow this season, going 2-6 during their first eight games and had

problems early winning on the road.

But a strong February — with only one loss — along with the eighth-strongest schedule in the country — propelled Western to its sixth straight trip to the "big show."

And it gave the Lady Toppers two seniors new life. "It's a great opportunity for us and a great opportunity for the younger players," Clark said.

The opportunity to advance past the first round is there, but it won't be easy. Even though this is DePaul's first trip to the NCAA's, Sanderford says the Lady Blue Demons are tough on their home floor. DePaul was 11-1 on their home floor this season.

"They're basically a quick, athletic team," he said. "They're not big, but they press man-to-man and they're very aggressive offensively."

For Green, the third leading scorer in Western history and the leading shot-blocker in the history of the Sun Belt Conference, it's a chance to add to her record numbers and go out with a bang.

For Western freshman Renee Westmoreland, it's a first-time visit and she wants the team to do well for Western's two seniors. "We've had a pretty rough year up until now," Westmoreland said. "This will be a good opportunity to prove ourselves, especially for our two seniors."

If Western beats DePaul, powerful Washington (26-2) is next — at Washington.

But Sanderford doesn't care about anything right now but DePaul.



# Lady Tops have some advantages

By ANDY DENNIS  
Daily News Sports Writer

CHICAGO — The Lady Toppers got a surprise bid to the NCAA Tournament, but it's no surprise they are playing on the road.

Western, 17-11 and seeded ninth in the Mideast Regional, will tackle eighth-seeded DePaul (21-9) on the Lady Blue Demons home floor at 7:30 CST tonight.

The NCAA selection committee apparently took into consideration Western played a brutal schedule and beat four ranked teams (Texas, Vanderbilt, Tennessee Tech and Old Dominion).

Western also ended the season strong, winning nine of its last 11 games.

But even though the Lady Toppers may not be expected to reach the Final Four this season, senior forward Tandreia Green says experience is one intangible Western has in its favor.

This season marks the sixth straight appearance in the NCAA for the Lady Toppers. This is DePaul's first trip.

"I think our experience will

definitely be a factor," Green said. "They're probably going to come out a little scared and nervous. I think we'll have a little edge on them mentally."

Western will have a size advantage, too. Lady Topper coach Paul Sanderford said the Lady Blue Demons are quick, but they don't have the big inside player that could hurt Western.

"I think we have some advantages in some areas," Sanderford said. "We have a little size advantage and we're quicker in some spots."

"I'm concerned with their man-to-man full-court press and how we'll be able to handle that."

DePaul coach Doug Bruno, who played three seasons for DePaul's men's team until he graduated in 1973, has resurrected the Lady Blue Demons.

In his first season, DePaul was 11-10, followed by seasons of 16-6, 23-10, and 21-9. DePaul played in the National Invitation Tournament the last two seasons and was runner-up last year.

DePaul is led by junior forward

Beth Hasenmiller, who averages 16.9 points and 7.5 rebounds. Senior guard Melanee Ehrhardt pumps in 12.4 points.

Senior forward Gail Ash is good for 12.6 points a game.

"Hasenmiller is probably the bread and butter of their basketball team," Sanderford said. "But (point guard Veronica) Ross may be the key to the team."

"She handles the ball for them about 75 percent of the time."

Ash and Hasenmiller are the two tallest DePaul starters at 5-11.

Western, meanwhile, sports 6-2 Michelle Clark at center, Green at 6-0, and Mary Taylor at 6-1.

"If we pound the ball inside we might be able to get something done," Green said.

Green, the third leading scorer in Western history with 1,781 points, leads the Lady Toppers this season with a 16.3-point average. She also leads the team in rebounding, averaging seven boards a contest.

Sophomore Kim Pehlke generates 11 points a game. Taylor is at 9.5 points and gets 5.5 rebounds. Clark sports averages of 8.6 points and 5.8

rebounds.

Off the bench, freshman Renee Westmoreland brings in a three-point shooting touch to complement Pehlke. The former Indiana Miss. Basketball averages 6.5 points. Junior college transfer Maria Teal also is a solid contributor off the pine with a 6.2-point average and 5.5 rebounds a night.

Will Western see a triangle-and-two defense tonight? The junk defense confused the Lady Toppers and quieted their offense in the first half against Old Dominion in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

Sanderford said he doesn't care if DePaul plays a triangle-and-two defense or not. "We'll be ready to play tonight," he said. "We're going to change defenses some."

If Western wins, it would travel to Washington for a 7:30 p.m. CST confrontation with third-ranked Washington (26-2) on Saturday.

But the Lady Toppers don't even want to think past tonight's game. They're just glad they aren't at home preparing for next season.

An extended spring break will do Western just fine.

## DePaul races back to beat WKU

By ANDY DENNIS  
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CHICAGO — The biggest turnovers in Chicago could be found at Alumni Hall on the campus of DePaul University on Wednesday.

And these weren't the kind of turnovers you could eat.

Several of these turnovers led to Western's destruction in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament as DePaul upended the Lady Toppers 73-63 with a late flurry.

"I think we had some mental breakdowns," said Western coach Paul Sanderford. "Their pressure didn't bother us that much. We threw it away twice at critical times."

Western (17-12) committed 21 miscues for the game and trailed 51-49 with 8:01 to play when Lady Blue Demon forward Stella Woodley scored inside.

Then, a Western turnover. The result? Another inside basket by Woodley and a 55-49 lead, which was DePaul's longest of the game at that point.

Western trailed 63-61 with 2:27 left and Kelly Smith was at the line for a bonus free throw attempt.

Smith missed. Then came perhaps the biggest miscue. With 1:24 left and DePaul leading 67-61, Western threw it away. DePaul answered with an inside basket by Gail Ash.

At that point the game was, for all practical purposes, over. Instead of having an opportunity to cut the DePaul lead to four or less, Western's season began to crumble.

Rebounding pushed DePaul ahead in the second half after Western had taken a 34-28 halftime lead. There was much pushing and shoving going on in each half.

"DePaul is the most physical

team we've played all season, and that includes Tennessee..." Sanderford said. "They did a better job of physically using their bodies than we did."

At one point during the second half, Western went almost five minutes without scoring a point.

During that stretch, DePaul was doing the turnover routine. "They (Western) weren't able to seize on their opportunities," said DePaul coach Doug Bruno.

But Sanderford said the effort was there on the part of his players. With a break or two late in the game, the Lady Toppers could have pulled it out.

"We just didn't get many breaks there at the end of the game," Sanderford said.

Seniors Tandreia Green and

Michelle Clark played their last game in Western uniforms. Green said she thought things were going well after the first half. "I thought, after the first half, we'd just keep the momentum going," said Green, who led Western with 15 points.

But DePaul kept coming at the Lady Toppers, pushing the ball up the floor and pressuring Western with man-to-man defense.

That, said Bruno, was the gameplan. "Pressure for the purpose of getting layups and pressure to wear out our opponent," Bruno said. "That's DePaul basketball."

DePaul won for the first time in NCAA Tournament play. And it was only the second time this season the Lady Blue Demons (22-9) won a game after trailing at intermission.

A somber Clark fought back her emotions at the post-game press conference. "It's very emotional for me," she said. "The four years I've been here we never won an NCAA game."

Perhaps Western was stacked up against too much on Wednesday. DePaul had nothing to lose since this was its first trip to the post-season event.

"Our girls could have just said, 'Hey, we made it this far. No one else has done this,'" Bruno said.

"But they didn't. They worked harder than they did all year."

Western grabbed a 26-20 lead at the 2:35 mark of the first half on the strength of a three-pointer by freshman Renee Westmoreland. DePaul had opened the game with a 9-4 run.

But 12 second-half points by Ash, who finished with 17, and the shooting of Melanee Ehrhardt dumped Western out of the tournament.

Clark and sophomore guard Kim Pehlke pitched in 10 points apiece for Western. DePaul was led by Ehrhardt's 22.

Ash pumped in 17 and Beth Hasenmiller and Woodley had 12 apiece.

The Lady Blue Demons will travel to Washington to play the third-ranked Lady Huskies (26-2) on Friday in the second round.

For Western, next season is only nine months away.

<b>Western (63)</b>	
Teal 2-4 0-0 4-5 8, Westmoreland 2-2 1-1 1-2 6, Smith 2-3 0-0 2-5 6, Berryman 0-0 0-0 0-0 0, Pehlke 5-8 0-1 0-1 10, Norman 2-6 0-0 0-0 4, Taylor 2-8 0-0 0-0 4, Clark 5-10 0-0 0-0 10, Green 6-15 0-2 3-5 15, Totals — 26-56 1-4 10-18 63.	
<b>DePaul (73)</b>	
Ross 0-3 0-0 4-5 4, Creamer 0-1 0-0 0-0 0, Ash 7-14 0-0 3-6 17, Perrino 2-4 0-0 2-2 4, Boggan 0-3 0-0 0-0 0, Ehrhardt 8-15 4-8 2-4 22, Hasenmiller 6-14 0-0 0-4 12, Woodley 5-7 0-0 2-2 12, Totals — 28-61 4-8 13-23 73.	
<b>Halftime score — Western 34, DePaul 28. Three pointers — DePaul 4-8 (Ehrhardt 4-8), Western 1-4 (Westmoreland 1-1, Pehlke 0-1, Green 0-2). Rebounds — DePaul 42 (Ash 11), Western 34 (Green 10). Assists — DePaul 21 (Ross 13), Western 10 (Teal 3). Technical fouls — none. Fouled out — none. A — 1,652.</b>	



## Green is named Lady Toppers' MVP

Senior Tandreia Green, who led Western Kentucky's women's basketball team in scoring and rebounding last season, has been named the team's Most Valuable Player.

Green garnered the honor during the Lady Toppers' awards banquet Tuesday in the Downing University Center.

A Washington, D.C., native, Green scored 16.2 points and grabbed 7.1 rebounds a game. She and Michelle Clark were the team's only seniors.

Of the other awards: junior guard Kelly Smith received the Coach's Award; junior forward Mary Taylor took the Hustle Award; freshman Renee Westmoreland got the Free-Throw Award at 77.4 percent; and sophomore Trina Wilson won Most Improved Player despite missing much of the season with a knee injury.

The Lady Toppers finished 17-12 and lost to DePaul in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last season. *DN 4-15-90*

# Waggener guard Bland shuns U of L, signs with Western

By JULIUS KEY  
Staff Writer *4-12-90*

When LaTonia Bland signed a letter-of-intent to attend Western Kentucky University shortly after 8 a.m. yesterday, she was hoping to finally erase a recruiting process that had left her disappointed and troubled over the past several months.

It was a period in which the Waggener High School guard was courted and rejected by her first choice, Louisville, only to be told several weeks later of U of L's renewed interest.

Bland's problems started in October after she had made an oral commitment to attend U of L.

"I had always wanted to go to U of L since the fifth grade," Bland said. "Coach (Bud) Childers had been recruiting me while he was at Murray State. So when he came to Louisville, he said he wanted me at U of L. I was going to go to Murray, but when he said he wanted me at Louisville, I was overjoyed."

That joy turned to disappointment as the Nov. 8 signing date approached. A few weeks earlier, Childers had asked Bland to send him a grade transcript.

It showed that while Bland had a 2.0 grade-point average in her core-curriculum classes, she didn't have a 2.0 overall. Bland also hadn't made the required score on the American College Test. Citing those factors, Childers decided not to offer her a scholarship.

"We looked at her transcript and felt it best that we wait until the spring to sign her," Childers said. "We were concerned that she was lacking in her overall G.P.A. and test scores."

The rejection upset Bland, and it carried over to her play.

"For the first few games, I wasn't into it," she said. "That was really on my mind. It really

"I was determined to make it. They (U of L) told me I should go to a junior college. It gave the impression that they didn't think I was smart enough to make it."

— LaTonia Bland

depressed me."

Bland averaged 10 points in her first four games, including a low of seven in a 72-51 loss to Manual.

For the season the 5-foot-4 all-stater averaged 16 points per game, compared with 29 a game as a junior.

"LaTonia wasn't herself," Waggener coach Robert Stewart said. "It really bothered her that this happened. It was understandable that her mind wasn't on basketball."

But Bland began to recover on and off the court.

"I was determined to make it," she said. "They (U of L) told me I should go to a junior college. It gave the impression that they didn't think I was smart enough to make it."

Meanwhile, Indiana University and Western felt Bland could make it and began pursuing her. Bland visited both schools.

"Western was fair to me," Bland said. "Coach (Paul) Sanderford said he'd take me if I didn't make my scores. They told me if I worked hard I could make it."

Bland said she worked hard and improved her core-curriculum classes to 2.6, raised her overall G.P.A. above a 2.0 and scored 18 on the ACT.

"We recruit kids we feel have

promise to make it," Western assistant coach Steve Small said. "We feel if a kid has the desire and applies herself, they can make it."

Small cited senior forward Michelle Clark as an example. The former Atherton High School star didn't meet NCAA academic standards as a freshman but is set to graduate this May in four years.

"We are very proud of Michelle," Small said. "This proves that Prop 48 kids have promise, just like everyone else."

U of L also began to see promise in Bland.

"They called me back after they found out I was looking around and told me I should honor my commitment to them," Bland said. "I thought about going because I really wanted to play for U of L. But since I didn't think they showed a commitment to me, I decided not to go there."

"We called her and told her we were still interested, but that we wanted the best for her," Childers said. "She told us she was no longer interested and we wished her all the luck."

Bland said the situation has taught her a lot about sports.

"I know it's a business and I have to look out for myself," Bland said. "It also taught me that I can accomplish anything I want if I put my mind to it. No one or any test can determine what I do."

■ Western also signed guards Valerie "Buffy" Wages of Woodsen High School in Washington, D.C., and Kim Warfield of Conner High. Wages averaged 24.3 points, five assists and five steals per game last season as Woodsen posted a 31-1 record. Warfield averaged 15.8 points, six rebounds and 5.1 assists as Conner went 32-4 and earned a trip to the State Tournament.



# Upsets mark Lady Tops' season

By ANDY DENNIS  
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Typical of Paul Sanderford-coached teams, the Lady Toppers found ways to win this season.

Even though Western finished 17-12, including a season-ending loss to DePaul on Wednesday in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, there were glaring bright spots.

But the campaign started off sluggishly in part because of a coaching strategy Sanderford admits didn't work early in the season.

Western attempted to play a fast-paced type of game, but after losing five of their first seven games, it became evident a change needed to be made.

"We made some mistakes early in the style of play we used," Sanderford said. "My plan was to up-tempo as much as we could. But we didn't have quick enough guards."

Western backed up, slowed down, and inserted 6-5 sophomore Trina Wilson into the starting lineup. But Wilson suffered a season-ending knee injury, and it was back to the

drawing board.

The Lady Toppers regrouped and, despite losing their first six road games, began to emerge with a personality of their own on the floor.

Wins over nationally-ranked Texas, Vanderbilt, Tennessee Tech, and Old Dominion, plus a February win with only one loss, vaulted Western into the NCAA Tournament for the sixth straight season.

But team chemistry, or personality, did not completely solidify, Sanderford said. "It was a season of adjustments from a coaching standpoint," he said. "We never really identified the style of play" to stay with.

Senior Tandreia Green paced the Lady Toppers in scoring all season. The 6-0 Washington, D.C. product finished her career tied with former Lady Topper Kami Thomas for second in Western scoring history with 1,796 points. Lillie Mason (1981-83, 84-86) is the leader with 2,262 career points.

Sophomore Kim Pehlke, who averaged around 11 points, showed flashes of brilliance on the floor. Point guard Kelly Smith was steady

handling the offense.

Senior forward Michelle Clark provided power underneath the basket, along with junior college transfer Maria Teal and starting forward Mary Taylor.

But Western fell short of two of three goals:

—Winning the Sun Belt Conference Tournament (Western lost in the semifinals to Old Dominion).

—And winning a game in the NCAA Tournament.

The third goal — beating a team that Western should not have beaten (i.e., an upset) — was accomplished several times.

Western finished in a five-way tie for first in the Sun Belt. But a flip of a coin reduced the significance of the Lady Toppers' number one seed in the tournament.

Western, Old Dominion, and South Alabama, three of the better teams in the conference, ended up in the top bracket as a result of the coin flip.

Sanderford as well as ODU coach Wendy Larry both stated the league needs to go to a double-round robin schedule with each team having a home-and-home series with all SBC Conference schools, which would eliminate problems in seeding the tournament.

As for next season, Sanderford will have a solid returning cast, including freshman Renee Westmoreland, who averaged around six points a contest off the bench. Taylor, Teal and Smith return as well.

Nicky Monroe, a 6-4 Prop-48 victim this season, should be ready to bolster Western's inside play.

Three incoming freshman, Lori Abell, a 6-3 post player from Louisville Ballard, Debbie Hauk, a 6-0 forward from Green County, and Lea Robinson, a 5-11 star from Clark County signed early with Western.

"I feel like we need additional quickness....," Sanderford said. "We should be more solid underneath" with Wilson coming back plus the recruits.

## Sanderford signs standout Wages

A Daily News report 4-13-90

Western Kentucky University's Lady Toppers signed three high school recruits on Wednesday, one of which is one of the top recruits in the nation.

Valerie "Buffy" Wages, a senior out of W.D. Woodson High School in Washington, D.C., (the same school that produced former Western star Tandreia Green) inked a letter-of-intent with Western. Wages is a Parade All-American and one of the top 25 recruits in the country.

Louisville Waggener High School's LaTonya Bland and Conner High School's Kim Warfield also signed with Western, bringing the number of new recruits for Western coach Paul Sanderford's 1990-91 team to six.

"We're very pleased that all three of these athletes have committed to our program," Sanderford said in a released statement. "Each player will bring unique qualities to our basketball team that fit in with our plans for a new look in 1991."

Western, which finished 17-12 this season and lost to De Paul in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, lost Green and center Michelle Clark to graduation.

Debbie Houk, a 6-foot forward from Green County, Lori Abell, a 6-3 forward from Louisville Ballard, and 5-11 forward Lea Robinson of Clark County inked with the Lady Toppers during November's early signing period.

Wages, a 5-7 guard, averaged 24.3 points, five assists, and five

steals a game for the Warriors, who finished this season 31-1 and ranked 10th in the nation in one publication.

She was named the player of the year by the Washington Post and Gatorade. Wages is a three-time All-State selection and is the owner of the Woodson school record for scoring with 1,890 points.

"(Wages) is one of the better athletes in the country," Sanderford said. "She comes from an outstanding high school program and will give us much needed quickness and athleticism in the backcourt."

Bland, a 5-6 point guard, also set her school's scoring mark with 1,624 career points. She averaged 16.2 points, 5.3 assists and 4.1 steals directing the Lady Wildcat backcourt.

Bland, a two-time second team All-State selection, "is the quickest player in Kentucky" and "an excellent ball-handler and passer," according to Sanderford.

Warfield, a 5-8 guard, missed the 1988-89 season with a knee injury, but returned for her senior season this year and averaged 15.8 points, six rebounds, and 5.1 assists. Conner finished 32-4 and participated in the Sweet Sixteen.

"Kim has the ability to make other players on the floor better," Sanderford said. "When she is fully recovered from her knee problem, she will be able to help us a great deal."

"She is one of those overachievers who has great leadership qualities."



## Sanderford inks seventh recruit, Lang

Western's Lady Topper basketball team signed junior-college All-American Lisa Lang to a scholarship, bring the total of new signees to seven for Western coach Paul Sanderford.

Lang, who played basketball at Louisburg Junior College, where Sanderford coached prior to taking over the reins of Western's program in 1983, led the Lady Hurricanes to a 29-2 record with her 17.4-point average.

The 5-foot-11 forward also pulled down 11.8 rebounds for Louisburg, which was ranked No. 5 in the country.

"She is one of the strongest women athletes I have ever seen," Sanderford said.

Lang joins Western's line of recruits consisting of Debbie Houk of Green County, Lori Abell of Louisville Ballard, Lea Robinson of Clark County, Valerie "Buffy" Wages of Washington, D.C., LaTonya Bland of Louisville Waggener and Kim Warfield of Conner High.

**Women's basketball:** Lisa Lang, a 5-11 All-America forward at Louisburg (N.C.) Junior College, signed with Western Kentucky University. She is the seventh player to sign with the Lady Toppers for next season.

Lang powered the Lady Hurricanes to a 29-2 record last season and a No. 5 national ranking. She averaged 17.4 points and 11.8 rebounds a game.

Western coach Paul Sanderford coached at the junior college from 1977-82. C. J. 5-4-80

## Pehlke alternate on Sports Festival squad

FORT WORTH, Tex. — Sophomore guard Kim Pehlke, a 5-foot-7 Western Kentucky Lady Topper star, was selected as an alternate for the South Team for the Olympic Sports Festival on Monday after a weekend tryout here.

Freshman guard Renee Westmoreland and sophomore forward Jennifer Berryman along with signees Kim Abell and Lea Robinson also tried out for the team. Westmoreland made to the final cut of 35 players, while Berryman, Abell and Robinson each survived the first two rounds of cuts.

Pehlke, one of 15 players selected for the South, is the alternate guard. An alternate forward and center were also selected to complement the 12-player roster. D. N. 4-24-80



## Red-White games for Lady Tops set

A Daily News report 10-12-90

Western Kentucky's women's basketball team will play Red-White scrimmages at Scottsburg High School in Indiana and at Clay County High School in Kentucky.

The Scottsburg scrimmage is set for Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. (CST), and Western will go to Manchester for the Clay County scrimmage at 1 p.m. Nov. 4.

Admission is \$3 per person at Scottsburg and \$1 at Clay County.

Scottsburg is the home of sophomore Renee Westmoreland, a former Miss. Basketball in Indiana.

Western will begin practice Monday and will make its Diddle Arena debut with an exhibition game against the Derby City Demons on Nov. 11.

**Oldham Scramble**

The ninth-annual John Oldham/Hilltopper Athletic Foundation golf scramble is Oct. 29 at Glasgow Country Club.

The main fund-raiser for Western's men's and women's golf teams was to be played at the new Hartland Golf Course, but construction delays forced the move to Glasgow.

There will be shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Reservations and more information can be obtained by calling 745-5321 or 842-3831. Or, mail a tax-deductible check payable to the HAF to Lee Robertson at 823 Wakefield Drive, Bowling Green, Ky., 42103.

## Lady Tops have tough schedule; Wages out

By ANDY DENNIS  
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Losing in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last season left Western Kentucky University Lady Topper basketball Coach Paul Sanderford hungry for a better season.

The appetite won't be ruined due to a solid recruiting class, but Prop 48 casualty Valerie "Buffy" Wages, one of the top recruits in the nation out of Washington, D.C., has enrolled at a junior college in South Carolina.

Meanwhile, Western's schedule was released Thursday and it's not exactly loaded with cream puffs. But that's what Sanderford wants. "I think we're going to find out real early what kind of team we've got," he said.

The opening game of the season will be in sunny Honolulu, Hawaii. Seven of the eight teams in the Wahine Invitational played in the NCAA Tournament last season. "N.C. State will be in the top five in the preseason," Sanderford said.

Unfortunately for Sanderford and Lady Topper fans, the Sun Belt Tournament will be played in Birmingham at the Lady Blazers' new arena. "I was disappointed that we didn't get (the tournament)," Sanderford said. "The other schools in the conference don't really want to play in Diddle Arena."

Western returns three starters: senior forward Mary Taylor, sophomore guard Kim Pehlke and senior point-guard Kelly Smith. Maria Teal, who would have been a senior after averaging around six points and five rebounds, will not be back.

### Lady Tops schedule

Western Kentucky University Lady Hilltoppers basketball schedule for 1990-91 (home games in capital letters):	
Nov. 23-25	Utah in the Wahine Invitational Honolulu, HI. (Hawaii, N.C. State, South Carolina, Arizona, Texas Tech, Utah, and WKU).
Nov. 30-Dec. 1	Illinois Tournament, Champaign, (Illinois, Wisconsin-Green Bay, WKU, and Miami of Ohio).
Dec. 5	INDIANA STATE
Dec. 8	West Virginia, Morgantown, W. Va.
Dec. 14	OHIO UNIVERSITY
Dec. 16	LONG BEACH STATE
Dec. 29-30	BOWLING GREEN BANK INV. (WKU vs. Western Carolina, S.F. Austin vs. Minnesota).
Jan. 6	ST. LOUIS
Jan. 9	Murray State at Murray, Ky.
Jan. 12	South Florida, Tampa, Fla.
Jan. 16	Vanderbilt at Nashville
Jan. 20	SOUTH ALABAMA
Jan. 24	ALABAMA STATE
Jan. 30	EASTERN ILLINOIS
Feb. 3	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
Feb. 9	UNC-CHARLOTTE
Feb. 11	Dayton at Dayton, Oh.
Feb. 16	Eastern Kentucky at Richmond, Ky.
Feb. 18	Morehead State at Morehead, Ky.
Feb. 20	TENNESSEE TECH
Feb. 24	UAB at Birmingham
Mar. 1	Old Dominion at Norfolk, Va.
Mar. 3	Virginia Commonwealth at Richmond, Va.
Mar. 7-9	Sun Belt Tournament at Birmingham.

# Lady Tops' roster will

By ANDY DENNIS  
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Plenty of new faces are coming into the Lady Topper basketball program for next season, and some familiar ones may be leaving.

Western coach Paul Sanderford said he wants a change in the attitude of his Lady Toppers for the coming year and said some would-be returning players, including Maria Teal, would not be on the squad for the 1990-91 campaign.

The Lady Toppers finished 17-12 last season after losing to De Paul in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Sanderford's recruitment of seven new players for next year reflects

the different approach he wants to take with his team. "Basically, I thought we needed a change in attitude," he said. "Some of (the remaining players) won't be with us next year. We're trying to reload and get a new chemistry and work ethic."

Sanderford did not say why Teal would not return and declined to name others who may not be back. "I hope she will transfer and finish her degree, but she will not be a part of our program next season."

Western lost two players, Tandra Green (17 points a game, 9 rebounds) and Michelle Clark (8.6 ppg, 5.8 rpg) to graduation. Green is the second-leading scorer in

Western history and Clark was a solid rebounder and scorer in the paint.

With the addition of Paulette "Niki" Monroe, a Proposition 48 victim last year, the Lady Toppers will have eight new faces on the squad.

"It's the largest recruiting class we've had," Sanderford said. "I think we have quality players. Our major goal was to improve our ourselves at the guard position and our overall quickness. I think we achieved that."

The biggest catch may be 5-foot-6 Valerie Wages, who played her prep basketball at H.D. Woodson High

## have major changes

School in Washington, D.C., the same school that produced Green. "She was rated as one of the top 20 players in the country," Sanderford said.

"She has great quickness and has the ability to become a great player. I think she'll have some impact as a freshman but she's not going to come in here and set the world on fire."

Wages (24 ppg) says she will definitely work hard at Western. "I think I'll fit in pretty good because on my team, I was the leader," she said. "By the time our coach would get to practice, we'd already be going through drills."

One can almost hear Sanderford

smiling. Monroe sat out last season and has qualified academically to play next season. At 6-4, Monroe, one of the nation's top recruits a year ago when she averaged 31 ppg and 16 rpg, will provide power underneath the basket to go along with returning senior Mary Taylor (9.5 ppg, 6 rpg) and 6-5 junior Trina Wilson, who missed most of the season because of knee surgery.

Add junior college transfer Lisa Lang (5-11, 17.4 ppg, 11.8 rpg), Louisville Ballard's Lori Abell (6-3), Clark County's Lea Robinson (5-11, 19 ppg, 12 rpg), and Debbie Houk (6-0) and Sanderford's 1990-91 team will have plenty of height.

With Tonya Bland (16.2 ppg), a 5-6 point guard from Louisville Waggner, and Conner High's Kim Warfield (15.8 ppg, 6 rpg) the Lady Toppers have more depth at the guard spots to go along with returning veterans Renee Westmoreland (7.5 ppg), Kim Pehlke (11 ppg) and point guard Kelly Smith.

"We took a chance on Warfield," Sanderford said. "She's coming off knee surgery but she made the Kentucky All-Star team."

Sanderford said he wants the Lady Toppers to press with "full-court, in-your-face defense the way I like to play. We recruited specifically for that."



## Tan Green signs with European team

Tandrea Green, a former Western Kentucky women's basketball player, has signed a one-year contract to play for the Esperance Sportive team in Pully (pronounced poor-hee), Switzerland.

"She is excited and thrilled to get the chance, because this is what she's always wanted to do," Bowling Green attorney Mike Reynolds, who represents Green, said. "If she has a really good year, she'll have a chance to move into Italy next year."

Green left for Geneva from her Washington, D.C., home Monday. Her season begins Oct. 10. Her coach is Jon Fernandez.

Reynolds said a spot in the Sportive opened up when former Tennessee player Carla McGhee left the team.

"They called and sent her a contract and a plane ticket," Reynolds said. "She was really excited."

Green becomes the third former Lady Topper to play professional basketball in Europe. Melinda Carlson and Lillie Mason were the others.

Green scored 16.2 points and grabbed 7.1 rebounds a game as a senior last season. For her career, she tied for second tied with Kami Thomas in all-time scoring with 1,796 points.

Green was an All-Sun Belt Conference performer twice.

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## Lady Hilltoppers get second road win

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Western Kentucky University volleyball team took its act on the road Tuesday against Tennessee State and got good reviews for Coach Jeff Hulsmeyer.

The Lady Hilltoppers defeated Tennessee State 3-0 to improve their record to 3-2. The win was the team's second away from Diddle Arena this season. The other was a first-ever victory over the Eastern Kentucky Lady Colonels.

Western will try to improve its road record as it treks to Memphis on Thursday for the Graphic Systems Classic at Memphis State University.

DN 9-12-90



## All-stater Bowen will sign with Western

Ida Bowen, one of only three juniors on The Courier-Journal's high school girls' all-state basketball team last season, said yesterday she has decided to attend Western Kentucky University.

Asked why she chose Western from a list of finalists that included Clemson, Old Dominion and Florida State, she said, "I like everthing about it — the players, the school

itself. And it's close to home; I can see my family."

As a junior, the 6-foot-1 Bowen averaged 20.1 points per game for Sheldon Clark.

Bowen said she has played every position in high school but probably will be a shooting guard in college.

Her coach, Robin Harmon, said Bowen will sign during the early signing period in November.

Sports beat

## F-S's Cook to sign with Lady Toppers

FRANKLIN, Ky. — Franklin-Simpson basketball standout Veronica Cook has decided to attend Western Kentucky University to continue her stellar basketball career.

Cook, who will be a senior at F-S this season, announced Tuesday she will sign a letter-of-intent with the Lady Toppers on Nov. 14, the first day recruits can sign.

"She's happy about her decision," F-S coach Damon Tabor said. "She has the ability to play inside or outside at the college level. She's got good quickness and she can run. She'll fit in at Western well."

Cook, a 6-foot-1 forward-center, averaged 24 points and 11.3 rebounds for the 15-12 Lady Wildcats last season. She also was the Fourth Region coaches' choice as the Most Valuable Player for 1989-90.

Western coach Paul Sanderford is prohibited by the NCAA from commenting on a recruit until she has signed. Cook was unavailable for comment today.

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# Lady Toppers singing a new tune

By JOE MEDLEY 10-16-90  
Daily News Sports Editor

Imagine Steve Small's bleary-eyed amazement.

It's 5 a.m. at Small's house, and the Western Kentucky women's basketball assistant coach has just gotten out of bed. It's a day after he lit into his team about its attitude and togetherness and set up a 6 a.m. workout.

Wait a minute! There's singing outside.

Small opens his front door, and what does he see?

"All 15 girls on the team had gotten up and showed up at my house," Small said. "They were holding hands and singing the song 'Stand by Me.'"

"Does that tell you something about this bunch?"

The Lady Toppers began official practice Monday in Diddle Arena. Their attitudes have been getting a workout since they blew an 8-point lead and lost to DePaul in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last season.

Small likes to call it an "attitude adjustment."

Hum. Maybe the Lady Toppers can mix a soundtrack for this season.

Small knows another song that would fit well on that soundtrack — "Memories."

"This team reminds me a lot of the 1986 team that went to the Final Four," Small said. "It's in their togetherness and the way they work. It's exciting for me."

Head coach Paul Sanderford, who was on a recruiting trip when the Lady Topper choir made its debut, digs songs like "We Are the Champions." Sanderford dubs himself the "skeptic." He's not as quick to remember 1986.

"It's too early for me (to compare the teams)," Sanderford said. "This team has got a lot to show me before we can compare them with the 1986 team. It's Oct. 16 now. I'll tell you in March."

But with junior college transfer Paulette "Nikki" Monroe ready to go, 6-foot-5 center Trina Wilson

back from a knee injury and a new attitude, it's looking good.

A change in the team was obvious before that sunrise sing-along at Small's house. In September, senior forward Mary Taylor organized a team retreat at Barren River Lake. No coaches were invited. The Lady Toppers spent the weekend at Barren and talked about a lot of things.

"They got to know each other," Sanderford said. "They talked about problems and their families, that kind of thing. That was the first real positive step."

Then again, maybe that wasn't the first step, either. After last season, Sanderford had a serious talk with each member of the team. Maria Teal was dismissed, and Staci Payne quit.

"I was not a happy camper after last season," Sanderford said. "In the eight years I've coached here, I felt like we were overachievers. Last year we were underachievers."

Taylor and fellow seniors Kim Norman and Kelly Smith have emerged as the leaders. "Our

leadership is much-improved," Sanderford said.

It seems retreats, heart-to-heart talks and hand-to-hand sing-alongs have made a difference. Though Sanderford remains skeptical, even he sees it.

"We're playing for a purpose again," he said. "We're playing for pride."

"My pride was hurt last year, and I haven't been much fun. I'm dead serious about this because (coaching) is how I feed my family."

"Our goal is to get Lady Topper basketball back into the national spotlight where we belong."

## Injuries

Wilson twisted her bad knee during conditioning last week, but doctors have given her the OK to practice. Sanderford said she'll be back in about 10 days.

Wilson suffered a season-ending injury in practice last season. She played in 14 games and started the last four, so she didn't qualify for a medical redshirt.

## Lady Vols starter Scott is transferring to Western

From Staff and AP Dispatches

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Debbie Scott, a starter for the University of Tennessee women's basketball team, has been admitted to Western Kentucky and will enroll Friday, Western announced yesterday.

As a sophomore last season, the 6-foot forward averaged five points and two rebounds while playing in

all 33 of the Lady Vols' games, 18 as a starter. Under NCAA rules she must sit out next season but will have two years of eligibility left.

Western coach Paul Sanderford said he is restricted in his comments until Scott is released by Tennessee, but he noted, "She's a great player. We will be a better basketball team with her."

However, he expects Tennessee to

be reluctant to release Scott. "It's a personal thing," Sanderford would only say.

Tennessee officials did not return a Courier-Journal reporter's phone calls.

Scott, a native of Gallatin, Tenn., was recruited by Western but did not visit its campus. In a statement released by Western, Scott said she is "burnt out on basketball" and wants to be closer to her family, which recently moved to Owensboro, Ky.

"My plans are to spend this year concentrating on school and then hopefully make a contribution to the Lady Topper basketball program in '91-92," she said in the release.

Western was 17-12 last season and tied for first place in the Sun Belt Conference.

According to The Associated Press, Tennessee coach Pat Summitt learned of Scott's decision earlier

this month.

"Obviously, I expected her back," Summitt said. "I'm not totally surprised. Certainly the timing wasn't the best."

Scott isn't the Lady Vols' only defection. Reserve center Melissa Smith, a freshman last season, transferred to Northwestern. The departures came less than a month after Tennessee lost top recruit Nikki McCray because of NCAA academic requirements, reducing the team to 10 players.

Summitt said she will consider adding one or two walk-ons.

"I don't anticipate this dampening the coaches' spirits or the team's attitude toward this season," Summitt said. "I do not feel any bitterness about the situation. It's not a negative situation."

Tennessee, which won national championships in 1987 and '89, was 27-6 last season.



## Norman's shooting shines in Western scrimmage

Special to The Courier-Journal  
11-5-90

MANCHESTER, Ky. — Kim Norman, Lisa Lang and Jennifer Berryman led the White team to a 65-54 victory over the Red team in a Western Kentucky University women's basketball scrimmage at Clay County High School yesterday.

The White team shot 69 percent from the field in the first half and 52 percent for the game.

Norman, a senior forward from Cincinnati, was 10 of 13 from the field and scored 22 points.

Western will scrimmage the Louisville AAU Derby City Demons next Sunday at 3:30 p.m. EST at Diddle Arena in Bowling Green, Ky.

WESTERN KENTUCKY SCRIMMAGE  
At Manchester, Ky.  
RED 54 (34-18) — Taylor 14, Perkins 14,  
Westmoreland 9, Monroe 7, Robinson 6,  
Abell 4.  
WHITE 65 (41-24) — Norman 22, Lang  
14, Berryman 12, Crutcher 8, Scott 7, Smith  
2.  
3-point goals — Westmoreland 1.

## NCAA rules scratch WKU scrimmage

Western Kentucky's women's basketball scrimmage at Scottsburg High School in Indiana has been cancelled because the scrimmage would be in violation of NCAA rules.

NCAA bylaw 16.811 says scrimmages can't be held more than 100 miles from campus when state lines are crossed. Scottsburg is 119 miles from Western's campus.

Western scheduled the scrimmage in Scottsburg because it's the home of sophomore Renee Westmoreland. The game was set for Oct. 28.

Now the Lady Toppers will play one Red-White scrimmage at Clay County High School on Nov. 4.

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## Western Kentucky scrimmage canceled

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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — The Western Kentucky University Lady Toppers' basketball scrimmage scheduled for Sunday in Scottsburg, Ind., has been canceled because it would have violated an NCAA rule, the school announced yesterday.

An NCAA rule states that a scrimmage cannot be held more than 100 miles from campus when a state line is crossed. Scottsburg, hometown of Lady Toppers sophomore Renee Westmoreland, is 119 miles from the Western campus.

"I talked to a lot of disappointed people yesterday," Western coach

Paul Sanderford said. "I apologize to the good folks up in Scottsburg who had worked hard on this event and were looking forward to being our hosts Sunday, and I apologize to our fans. We certainly didn't realize the scrimmage would have broken any NCAA rules."

The Lady Toppers now will play only one public intrasquad game, at 2 p.m. Nov. 4 at Clay County High School in Manchester, Ky.



# Lady Toppers earn rough practices during preseason

By ANDY DENNIS  
Daily News Sports Writer

One by one, several of Western Kentucky University's Lady Toppers basketball players wearily walked down the stairs to the floor of Diddle Arena on Monday night after practice.

Senior Mary Taylor, who appeared more than a little worn out, mustered a friendly 'Hello,' but most just filed by, looking at the floor, seemingly ready for some rest.

Practices have been a little more strenuous during the preseason this year. Western coach Paul Sanderford and his players don't want a repeat of last year's underachievement.

"I thought we were a very undisciplined basketball team last year," Sanderford said in his office after practice. "I've coached a lot of years, but last year's team was the first one I would consider underachievers."

No goals have been set. Time now for what many players call, 'No pain, no gain.' "I haven't set any goals for the team. I want the players to do that," Sanderford said. "We want to get back to overachieving. We didn't do the little things (last year) to win close

ballgames.

"We've been teaching and demanding. We've been teaching things to be done our way. This year we're not asking, we're demanding it. Kids today will only do what they are demanded to do."

Western finished 17-12 last season, which ended after a loss to De Paul in Chicago during the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Sophomore Renee Westmoreland, a player Sanderford said probably worked the hardest during the off season, said the changes have been positive. "What's so different about this year is (Sanderford) has been a little harder on us mentally," she said.

"But what's good is he's been more positive. It's changed everybody's attitude and made everybody work harder."

Sanderford said no mistakes go unnoticed in practice and that may be slowing down early progress. But January is when Sanderford wants his team playing its best.

"I can accept losing. I'm not a good loser," he said. "But I can't accept people not reaching their potential."

"The big thing is I'm not letting anything slide. We're not getting a

whole lot done, but we're going to get it done right."

The Lady Toppers return three starters — Taylor, Kelly Smith and Kim Pehlke. Pehlke, a guard, is the leading returning scorer (11 ppg).

"I'm looking for Mary Taylor to have a good year," Sanderford said.

Also back are juniors Jennifer Berryman, Nancy Crutcher and Kim Norman. Trina Wilson, a 6-foot-5 junior, reinjured her right knee that kept her out most of last season and will not be available.

Wilson, who would have been redshirted this season anyway, damaged her knee in a pick-up game the day doctors released her to resume playing. "I think she has shown a lot of courage to hang in there," Sanderford said.

1989 signee Paulette "Nicki" Monroe, who now is academically eligible, is 6-4 and averaged 28 ppg and 17 rpg as a high school senior in Kansas City, Mo.

The recruiting class will have to help immediately. With Tandraia Green lost to graduation, the power forward spot will go to either Lea Robinson, a 5-11 freshman who averaged 19.8 ppg. and 10 rebounds

for George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester, or Leisa Lang, a 5-11 transfer from Louisburg Junior College in Wilson, N.C.



LADY TOPPERS guard Kim Pehlke (right), shown in action against Austin Peay last year, returns as Western's leading scorer from last season. Western

coach Paul Sanderford is coordinating much tougher practices during the preseason to improve the play of his team, which finished 17-12 last year.

"Leisa Lang will make a lot of people forget Tan Green," Sanderford said. "She's tough."

Western's first scrimmage will be at Clay County High School at 1

p.m. Sunday. "We're spending 70 percent of our time (on rebounding and pressure defense), which I think are our keys to being successful," Sanderford said.



## Lady Toppers given thanks for party

Editor, Daily News:

The War Memorial Boys Club of Bowling Green, would like to thank Coach Paul Sanderford, his staff and the Lady Toppers basketball players for the Halloween party they had at Western for the boys and girls clubs. To sit and watch the Lady Toppers as they carved pumpkins, ate pizza and cookies with the boys and girls, made this a very special moment for the kids to remember for a long time. Coaches Small and McKinney had some great games for the kids to play and nice prizes to take home.

Everyone knows what a busy time of year this is for coaches and players, and to take some time to spend with the kids made this extra special. Again, thanks for the party, and good luck Coach Sanderford with your basketball team.

Frank Ragland

Boys Club

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## Norman scores 22 in WKU scrimmage

MANCHESTER, Ky. — Senior forward Kim Norman scored 22 points to lead the Western Kentucky Lady Toppers White Team to a 65-34 win over the Red Team during a scrimmage game Sunday at Clay County High School.

Junior-college transfer Leisa Lang added 14 points and 10 rebounds and junior forward Jennifer Berryman had 12 points.

For the Red, senior forward Mary Taylor and junior guard Kim Pehlke had 14 apiece. Freshman Lori Abell pulled down eight rebounds. Taylor led the Red with nine boards.

Sophomore guard Renee Westmoreland led both squads with eight assists. "I was really pleased with our effort," Western coach Paul Sanderford said. "I think our players are in good physical shape."

The Lady Toppers will play an exhibition game at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Diddle Arena with the Derby City Lady Demons.

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**Western Kentucky:** Ida Bowen, a 6-2 guard/forward from Sheldon Clark High and a leading candidate for Kentucky's Miss Basketball, has signed with the Lady Hilltoppers. Bowen, a Courier-Journal first-

team all-state selection, averaged 20 points, 12 rebounds and five blocked shots last season. She shot 52 percent from the field in leading Sheldon Clark to a 29-4 season.

"Bowen has as bright a future as any player we've ever signed in the state, and that includes some awfully good players like Clemette Haskins and Lillie Mason," Western coach Paul Sanderford said. 11-15-90

## Western's women picked first; men last

TAMPA, Fla. — Western Kentucky is at both ends of the Sun Belt Conference spectrum.

Western's women's team was picked to win the league, and the men were picked last during Sun Belt media day activities here this week.

Western's women were first, followed by Old Dominion, North Carolina Charlotte, Alabama Birmingham, South Alabama, South Florida and Virginia Commonwealth.

Western's women will play an exhibition against the Derby City Demons at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Diddle Arena. The Demons are made up of former Kentucky college players, including former Lady Toppers Michell Clark, Lillie Mason and Susie Starks.

Western's men will play in the Dinner at Diddle Red-White scrimmage at 7 p.m. Monday and have an exhibition with the Derby City Demons men's team at 8 p.m. Wednesday. *DN 11-9-90*

## WKU swimmers to open season at EIU

The Western Kentucky University swim team opens its 1990-91 season Saturday at Eastern Illinois.

The Hilltoppers are coming off of last season's 7-2 dual-meet record and are inexperienced with only one senior and four juniors. "We aren't very big or very strong," Western coach Bill Powell said. "Our guys have a lot of enthusiasm, however, and have worked hard in preparing for this season."

Western, which won eight of 11 Midwest Conference titles, is in its second season in the tougher Eastern Conference.

## Sullivan scores 31 in U of L scrimmage

CHARLESTOWN, Ind. (AP) — Everick Sullivan scored 31 points and paced a fourth-quarter outburst that led the White squad to a 106-94 victory over the Red team in an intrasquad scrimmage Thursday night.

The White squad led 58-57 at halftime, and was up by three points going into the fourth quarter of the scrimmage at Charlestown High School.

But the White squad, led by Sullivan and senior guard LaBradford Smith, outscored the Reds by 13 points in the last 12 minutes to secure the victory. Smith scored 21 points for the game.

The Red squad was led by guard James Brewer's 25 points. Derwin Webb and Tremaine Wingfield each had seven rebounds for the Red team.

Mike Case pulled down eight rebounds for the White team.

**College women**  
**WESTERN KENTUCKY SCRIMMAGE**  
 At Bowling Green, Ky.  
**DERBY CITY 62 (34-28) —** Baihi 7,  
 Walker 13, Clark 17, Starks 4, Polk 15,  
 Brown 8.  
**WESTERN KENTUCKY 81 (35-46) —**  
 Norman 8, Lang 11, Taylor 19, Smith 3,  
 Penike 10, Westmoreland 2, Houk 4, Robin-  
 son 4, Monroe 14, Abell 6.  
 3-point goals — Walker 3, Penike 2.  
*DN 11-12-90*



# Lang excited about Lady Tops

Liesa Lang, a newcomer to the Western Kentucky University Lady Toppers basketball team, could barely contain her excitement Sunday about her future at Western.

Lang, a junior-college transfer from Louisburg Junior College in Louisburg, N.C., scored 11 points and snared seven rebounds in 19 minutes of action Sunday against the Derby City Demons in an exhibition game at Diddle Arena. Western won, 81-62.

Lang's on-court presence will be felt immediately by teammates and Western fans. She has a love for the game that is expressed by her spirited play on the floor. And she likes to get physical on the boards.

At 5-foot-11, she crashed the boards hard Sunday. She made crisp passes and good decisions on the fast break. Lang, at times, also guarded Dee Dee Polk, a lightning-quick guard for the Derby City Demons.

While moving to the small forward spot from power forward, where she played in high school and junior college, Lang said the adjustment will take time.

She likes to go inside and get mean. The desire will have to be quelled at times. "If there's an opening, I'm going in," she said. "But I think I'll help Western as a three-player."

"All my life I've played inside. I just have to adjust myself to playing smaller guards."

When asked why she chose



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Western, Lang's eyes became radiant as she struggled to grasp the right words to describe her feelings. "It's the community and fans and the way they get behind the team," she said. "That really turns me on."

Lang nearly went to Old Dominion, one of Western's biggest rivals that will leave the Sun Belt Conference after this season.

Western coach Paul Sanderford last week said Lang "would make a lot of people forget about Tan Green." Green, Western's leading scorer last season, graduated and her absence obviously will be felt by the team.

But Lang, who will move to the small forward spot, demonstrated Sunday she is hungry for excitement when she steps on the basketball floor.

Lang, 5-foot-11, averaged more than 30 points a game in high school at Farmville, N.C., and poured in 17.4 ppg and averaged 11.8 rebounds as a second-team All-American at Louisburg Junior Col-

lege last season.

Combined with George Rogers Clark freshman Lea Robinson, who was ranked 18th out of 240 high school swing forwards by one publication, Western's inside game should be improved this season.

"I feel like, as a freshman, I can come in and contribute," Robinson said. "I know it may take time. Freshman sometimes have to struggle their first year."

Robinson threw in 19.8 ppg and grabbed 10 rpg as a senior at George Rogers Clark.

Senior forward Mary Taylor, who had 19 points and 10 rebounds Sunday, along with sophomore Paulette "Nikki" Monroe, a 6-4 center who was a Prop 48 victim last season, provide added strength in the paint.

Monroe's presence will help offset the loss of 6-5 center Trina Wilson, who re-injured a knee that kept her out most of last season. Wilson is being redshirted this year while rehabilitating the knee.

"I came out in the first half a little jittery," Monroe said. "I was wanting to do more than I could do. I've got a lot of work to do to get back to myself."

Monroe had arthroscopic surgery on her left knee in April and is just getting back into playing form. "I want to improve my game every day," she said.

Western's guard play, which Sanderford said struggled Sunday, should be another strong point. Senior point guard Kelly Smith

returns as a formidable floor leader and off-guard Kim Pehlke, a smooth ball handler with a silky-smooth jumpshot, can score in bunches.

Sophomore Renee Westmoreland, the top high school player in Indiana two years ago, is a good shooter and a solid passer.

But the player Western fans will really fall for is Lang. She will fill the mold of an enforcer of sorts on the floor. And she has the look when she steps on the court — the "get-out-of-my-way-I'm-coming-in" look.

The Lady Toppers are headed back in the right direction after last year's 17-12 season. "Our inside game is definitely going to be stronger," Taylor said. "I think that's one of the reasons we're going to be so good this year. And at the same time, I think we're quick in every area."

"We are two-deep at every position."

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Former Lady Toppers Michelle Clark and Susie Starks played for the Derby City Demons on Sunday. Clark scored 17 points to lead the Demons. Starks had four points.

Lillie Mason, a 1986 graduate and Western's all-time leading scorer with 2,262 points, was scheduled to play for the Demons but did not make the trip.

## Guard play is crucial for WKU's Lady Tops

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Pain or happiness comes early for Western's Lady Toppers this year.

On the path to renewed postseason success with a new, improved attitude, the Lady Toppers will find out quickly how much improvement has been made over last season.

Western, which essentially returns four starters from last year's 17-12 team, plays the Canadian National Team on Saturday at Diddle Arena in an exhibition game.

The Canadians lost a close game to highly-regarded Vanderbilt on Monday in Nashville. Lady Toppers coach Paul Sanderford attended the game. "I almost wish I hadn't gone," he said. "They (Canadians) are impressive. They're not a good team. They are a great team."

In the regular-season opener against Utah in the Wahine Invitational in Honolulu, Hawaii, Nov. 23, the Lady Toppers get another chance to give a strong early showing.

The tournament features eight 1990 NCAA Tournament teams. North Carolina State, ranked in the preseason top five nationally, is in the field.

In order to better what Sanderford called an underachieving 1989-90 team, Western must get added scoring punch from its backcourt tandem of Renee Westmoreland and Kim Pehlke.

High-scoring forward Tandraia Green is gone. The pressure is on for Western's slick-shooting backcourt to produce.

"(Westmoreland and Pehlke) together are the keys to us being a great basketball team," Sanderford said. "I don't think (Pehlke) has played as well as she can play."

"I'm just waiting for her to bust loose and play. I think she has all the tools to be a great player."

Westmoreland must avoid the sophomore jinx, which may have struck her a little prematurely during the second half of her freshman season.

The former "Miss Basketball" in Indiana, Westmoreland struggled along with the team during last season's second half. She knows more scoring is expected from her.

"Coach Sanderford told me he wants me to shoot between 10-12 times a game," Westmoreland said.

While the backcourt needs points, the inside players, particularly senior forward Mary Taylor, also need to balance out the offense. Taylor's role has changed from a rebounder and defender to a scorer as well.

Newcomers Lisa Lang, Lea Robinson and Lori Abell, along with Paulette "Nikki" Monroe, a Prop 48 victim last season, provide big-time reinforcements to offset the graduation of Green and center Michelle Clark.

Lang should provide instant help with two years of junior college secured under her belt. Lang is a strong inside player at 5-foot-11. She will play small forward.

Kim Norman, a 5-10 senior for-

ward, is more relaxed on the floor and has improved her scoring abilities. Robinson has a lot of athletic ability, but may suffer early from the freshman blues, as will Abell and fellow freshman Debbie Houk.

But overall, it appears the Lady Toppers are improved. Taylor provides steady play and there's a nice blend of experience and talented youth.

Sanderford has tightened the reigns on his club. No mistake goes unnoticed in practice and he and his assistants are in complete control. There's no dissension. In fact, there seems to be a growing togetherness between the players and the coaches.

Junior Jennifer Berryman, who has been out for a few weeks with a recurring shoulder injury, could be a key to the inside game should the younger players not pan out early.

Berryman, a 6-1 forward, can score and has good size. "(Coach Sanderford) is looking for me inside," she said. "In high school, I was mainly an offensive player."

The Lady Toppers will have a different look. Rebounding may be a weakness, but the team should thrive. Sanderford is hoping the suc-

cess comes in March instead of early in the season like last year.

The improved morale on the team may have been Sanderford's biggest recruit. "We're having fun," senior point guard Kelly Smith said. "There's really been a great attitude."

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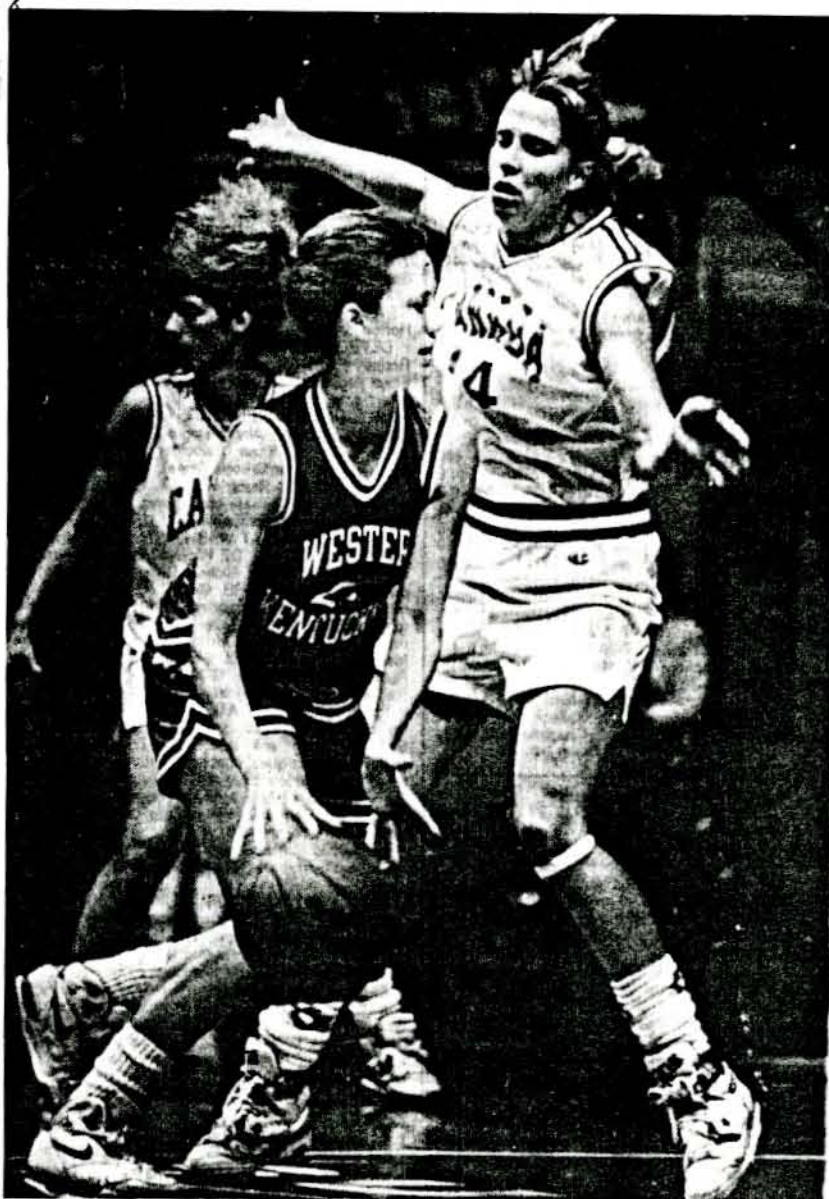
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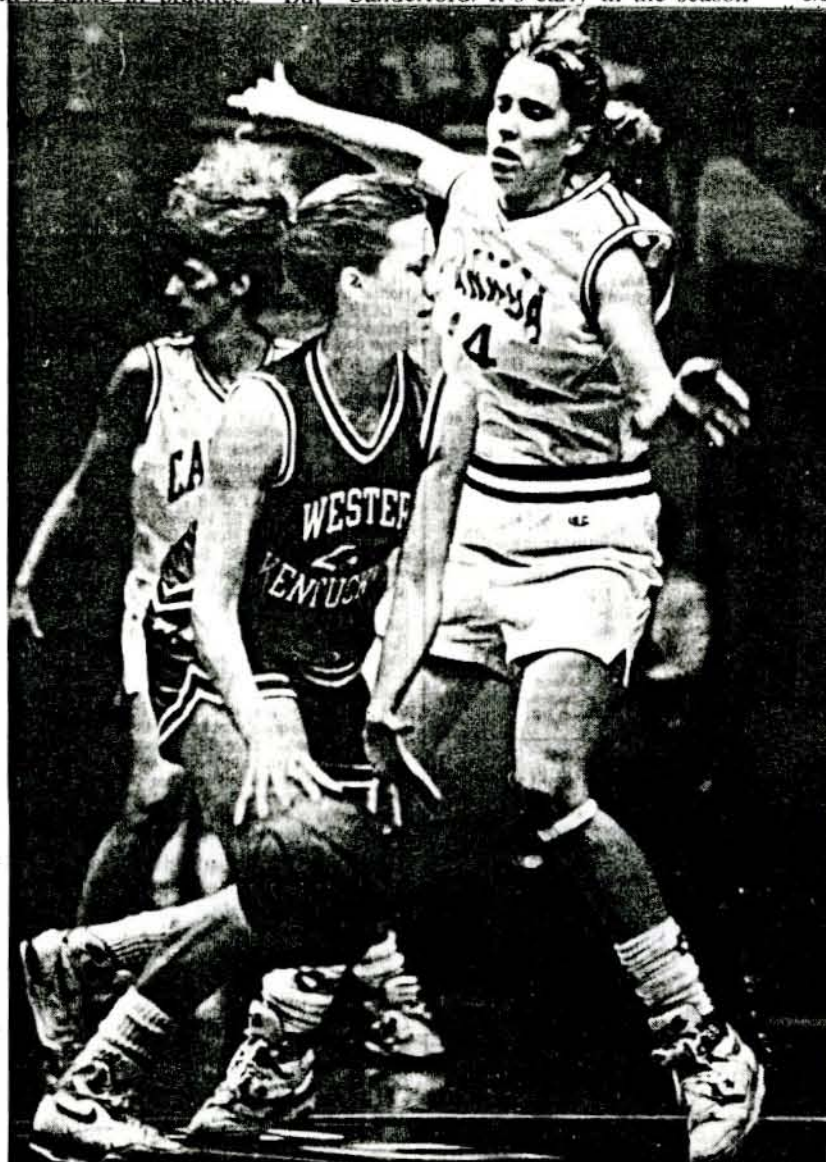
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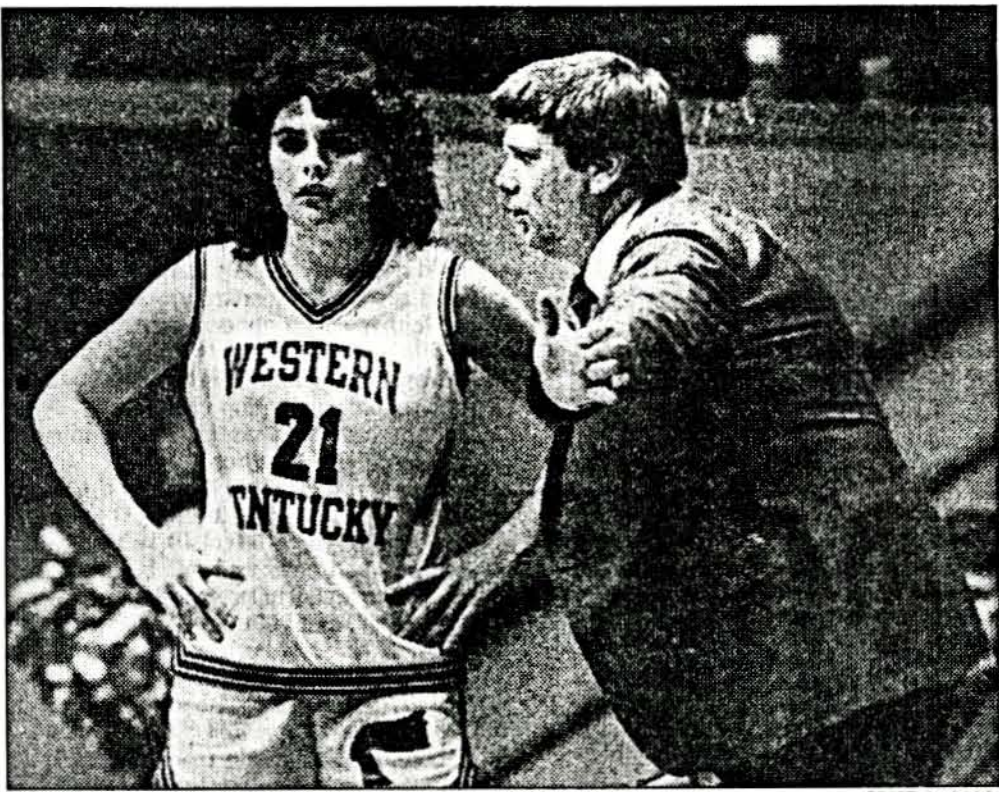
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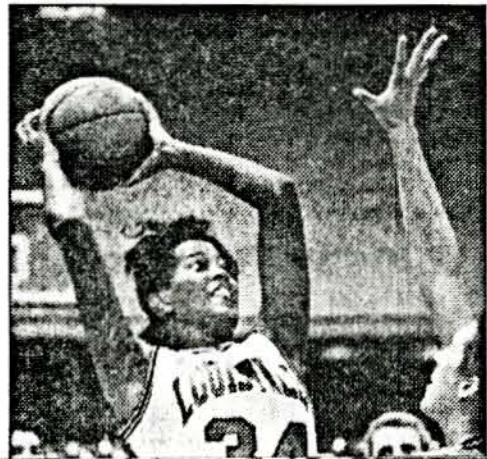
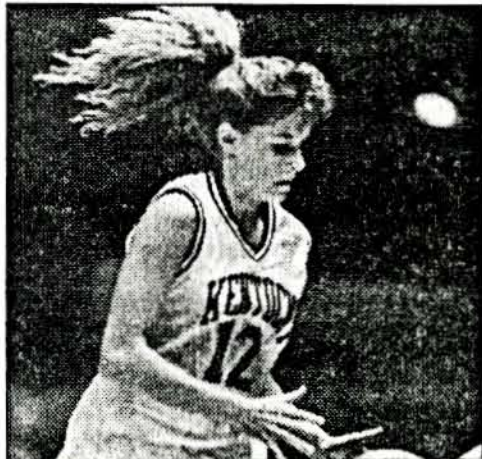
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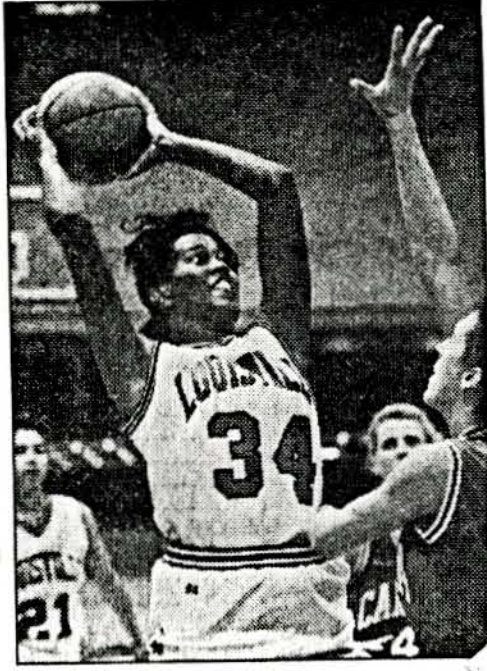
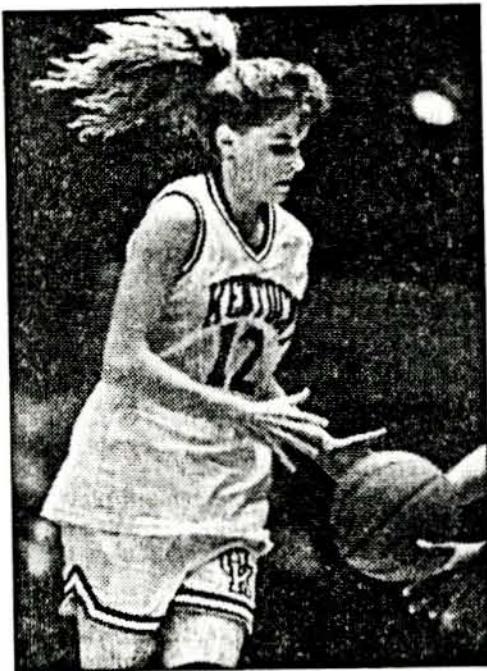
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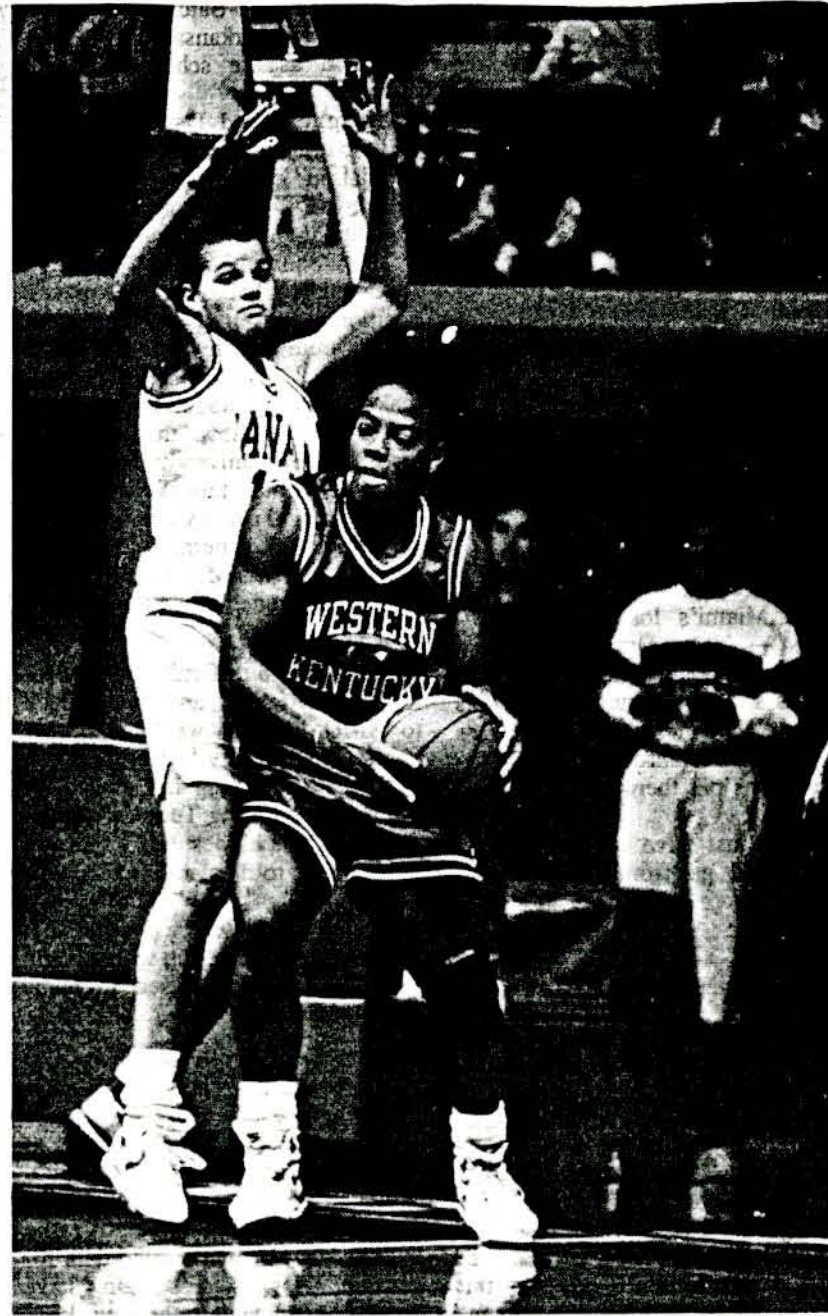
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Nov. 23-25	Wahine Invitational vs. Utah, Hawaii, N.C. State, Drake, S. Carolina, Arizona, Texas Tech	Away	9:30
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Dec. 1		Away	3 & 5
Dec. 4	Indiana State	Home	8:30
Dec. 8	West Virginia	Away	1:30
Dec. 14	Ohio	Home	8:30
Dec. 16	Long Beach State	Home	3:30
Dec. 29	Bowling Green Bank Invit., Western Carolina, Minnesota, Stephen F. Austin	Home	7 & 9
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Jan. 6	St. Louis	Home	3:30
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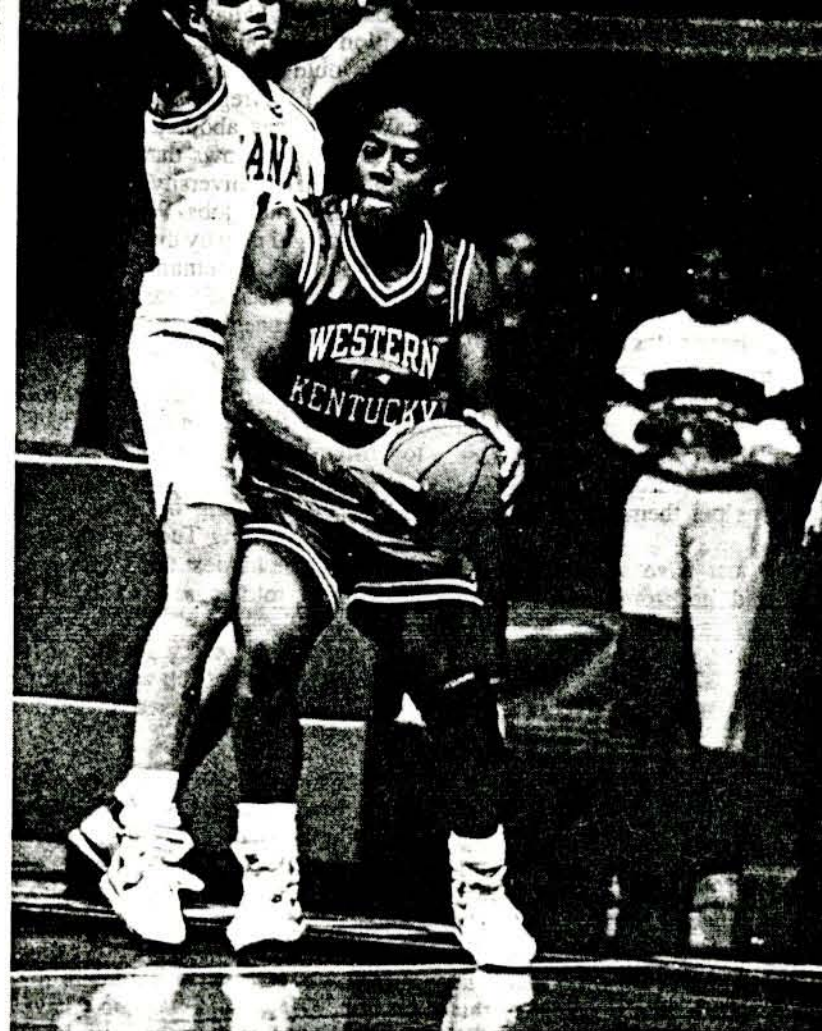
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"A lot of kids, without this trip, would never get a chance to see Hawaii," he said. "This trip is so important for these kids."

If Western wins Friday, it will play the winner of the Hawaii-Arizona game at 7:30 p.m. CST Saturday. If the Lady Toppers lose, they will face the loser at 3:15 p.m. Saturday.

Depending on the outcome of the other games Saturday, Western will play at either 6:30 p.m. or, if after two Western wins, 7:45 p.m. Sunday for the championship.

N.C. State, a preseason top 10 team, is included in the field in the opposite bracket from Western. Drake, South Carolina and Texas Tech round out the field.



# F-S, Warren East loaded as 14th District play begins

11-26-90

By ANDY DENNIS  
Daily News Sports Writer

The pressure is off and Veronica Cook's game should be on. On what? On fire.

The 6-foot Franklin-Simpson girls basketball star, having inked a scholarship with the Western Kentucky University Lady Toppers for next season, returns for the Lady Wildcats.

Cook also has passed her ACT test, which takes more pressure off her and F-S. "She's really accepting a leadership role," F-S coach Damon Tabor said.

"She's a whole lot more relaxed. (Signing with Western and passing her ACT) takes a lot of pressure off."

That's good news for the Lady Wildcats, a team that finished 15-12 last season but won eight of nine games last February.

Cook averaged 23 points a game last year and hauled down 11.5 boards. Those averages should climb higher this season.

Cook isn't alone going into the team's season opener against Allen County-Scottsville in Franklin at 6 tonight.

"I can play 9-11 people," Tabor said. "The only thing that worries me is I haven't found the chemistry I want yet."

One of the components to choose from includes senior Tracy Patterson, a 5-8 post player who Tabor

says has shown flashes of offensive skills. Connie Roberts, also a 5-8 forward, has impressed Tabor with her knowledge of the game.

Juniors Chrissy Owen and Kim Atcher return to form a strong nucleus for F-S. "We have the ability to be the best team in the (Fourth) Region," Tabor said. "We're not right now. We want to be playing our best in February."

In the 14th District, Tabor makes the call: "I think it's between us and (Warren) East."

**Warren East**  
The Lady Raiders lost eight seniors coming into last season. They finished 21-10 and won the 14th District title.

This season, five players from last year are gone. Does that mean the Lady Raiders will win more?

"We'll probably be in a rebuilding-type stage I guess," East coach Blane Embry said.

Come on coach. That was last year's statement. Spit it out. "I feel like we'll be competitive this year," Embry added.

Add up the numbers and East, like F-S, has plenty to work with. Embry said he can go 9-10 deep to his bench, too.

Gone is Angie Anderson, last year's leading scorer who signed with Campbellsville College.

The other four graduates were Crystal Croslin, Renee Woods, Amy Wilson and Christy Renick. All four

saw plenty of action and Woods was the second leading scorer.

But there are experienced players coming back this season. "We return five seniors with some experience," Embry said. "This year we'll be relying on some sophomores to pull a lot of heavy loads."

Sophomore Miranda Massey will start at a guard spot, and sophomore forward Tracy Cole slides into a forward spot. Junior guard Nicki Jordan and senior Leann Grimes provide strength off the bench.

Guard Martina Young and center Amy Whitley also are back and will start.

Embry's cupboard isn't bare, but it may take a while for the team to jell, he said. The Lady Raiders open their season at 6 p.m. Tuesday against the Greenwood Lady Gators at Greenwood.

## Fouls hurt Lady Tops in loss to Wolfpack

A Daily News report 11-26-90

**HONOLULU** — Two series of five-blasts on the horn may color Western Lady Toppers coach Paul Sanderford's memories of his team's trip to Hawaii.

Or he may remember how his team eked out two close wins before falling to third-ranked North Carolina State on Sunday in the finals of the Wahine Invitational.

Western, plagued by foul problems in the second half, lost a 9-point lead early in the second half when N.C. State zoomed away on the heels of a 37-8 run. Western fell 100-76.

Senior forward Mary Taylor, who scored 16 points in the first half, fouled out with 7:44 remaining in the game. She played sparingly in the second half and ended up with 18 points.

Forward Lisa Lang met the same fate. She fouled out with 10:34 to play. "Lisa Lang got her fourth foul right off the bat (in the second half)," Sanderford said. "Mary Taylor got her fourth foul right off the bat."

"Early in the second half, that got them going. (N.C. State's Andrea) Stinson, when she got into the halfcourt game, she made some moves Michael Jordan would have been proud of."

Stinson, a preseason All-American and the tournament MVP, scored 32 points — 19 in the second half — and nearly single-handedly bounced Western out of the finals.

The Lady Toppers opened the game with strong offensive production from Taylor. Western climbed back into the contest after trailing by eight points early and tied the game at 29 on an putback by Taylor with about 7 minutes to play.

A late first-half spurt, keyed by baskets by freshman Lea Robinson and sophomore center Paulette "Nikki" Monroe, boosted Western to a 52-45 lead at intermission.

But in the second half without Lang and Taylor in the paint, the taller Wolfpack squad took advantage of its inside game and the fast break, something the Lady Toppers didn't want to see happen.

Before the game, Sanderford said if it was a high-scoring contest, Western would fall. It was and they did. "They just are a tremendously quick and talented team," Taylor said. "We slowed down a bit and they got into their game."

"By then we had dug ourselves a hole and couldn't get out."

Western had beaten Utah 79-77 in the opening game Friday and bested the host school — the University of Hawaii — 75-72 Saturday to reach the finals.

N.C. State left its starters in the game until late in the contest. That bothered Sanderford. "(N.C. State) had all kinds of starters on the floor late in the game," he said. "It was not a 24-point win for N.C. State no matter what the score said."

Monroe had a good game as she pitched in 14 points and pulled down nine rebounds to lead Western in that category. Robinson added 12 points.

Western lost the rebounding battle to the taller N.C. State squad. Stinson and Rhonda Mapp led the Wolfpack with seven rebounds apiece.

N.C. State (3-0) also got double-figure scoring from center Sharon Manning, who had 18. Danyel Parker threw in 16 and Mapp added 11 for the Wolfpack, who shot 62.5 percent from the field.

After shooting 50 percent in the first half, the Lady Toppers cooled to 42 percent in the final 20 minutes and were 47 percent accurate for the game.

The Lady Toppers (2-1) were due to arrive in Bowling Green at around 4 p.m. today. Taylor, who made the All-Tournament team, said even though the trip was fun, it was going to be nice to see Kentucky again.

"Our flips flops have given us some good luck, we may take them to (the Illinois Tournament this weekend)," Taylor said. "We had a good time and we got a lot of things accomplished but I'm glad I'm coming home."

**WESTERN (78)** — Warfield 0-0 0-0 0-0 0, Westmoreland 1-8 0-5 0-0 2, Bland 1-2 0-0 0-0 2, Smith 1-2 0-1 3-4 5, Berryman 2-4 0-1 1-2 5, Pehike 2-7 2-5 1-2 7, Crutcher 0-0 0-0 0-0 0, Taylor 7-10 0-0 4-4 18, Houk 1-2 0-0 0-0 2, Robinson 5-7 0-1 2-3 12, Monroe 7-17 0-0 1-1 14, Lang 2-4 0-0 3-4 7, Abell 1-1 0-0 0-2 2, Totals — 30-64 2-13 14-20 78.  
**N.C. STATE (100)** — Parker 8-9 0-0 0-0 16, Lehmann 0-5 0-5 0-0 0, Gibson 4-6 0-0 0-2 8, Krasay Kuziemi 1-2 0-0 0-0 2, Nester 3-3 1-1 0-0 7, Stinson 15-22 0-1 2-3 32, Jenny Kuziemi 2-4 0-0 0-1 4, Manning 6-11 0-0 6-8 18, Mapp 5-9 0-1 1-2 11, Whyte 1-1 0-0 0-1 2, Totals — 45-72 1-8 9-17 100.  
**Halftime** — Western 52, N.C. State 45. Rebounds — N.C. State 37 (three with 7), Western 33 (Monroe 9), Assists — N.C. State 26 (Mapp, Parker 7), Western 22 (Westmoreland, Smith 4). Total fouls — Western 18, N.C. State 16. Fouled out — Western (Taylor, Lang), Att. — 472.



# WKU's traveling Lady Tops set for play in Illini Classic

By ANDY DENNIS 11-30-90 some confidence."

Daily News Sports Writer

Think about it — nearly 8,000 miles, five games, 13 days. Western's Lady Topper basketball team, after this weekend's Illini Classic in Champaign, Ill., probably will need a breather.

But Western (2-1) is getting closer to a team identity heading into the tournament.

Western coach Paul Sanderford said his team's trip to Hawaii last week, which included two close wins over Utah and Hawaii (in the Wahine Invitational), illustrated the team can win close games on the road. Western finished second after bowing to eighth-ranked N.C. State 100-78.

"We found out a lot about ourselves (in Hawaii) and what we need to work on," Sanderford said. "The bad thing was we played three days without any practice. We had no time to correct mistakes.

"I was happy with the wins but I think winning like that gives you

The Lady Toppers play Miami of Ohio (1-1) at 6 tonight. Should Western win, it would play the winner of the Illinois - Wisconsin-Green Bay game Saturday at 4 p.m. Saturday's consolation game is at 2 p.m.

"(Miami of Ohio) is a good basketball team," Sanderford said. "They remind me, on films, of Utah. They're very similar."

Western and N.C. State weren't very similar, at least in size. The Lady Toppers were decidedly smaller, but against the Redskins tonight, Western's starters won't be at a disadvantage.

The Redskins are 5-foot-7, 6-0, and 6-1 on the front line. Western, meanwhile, will counter with 6-1 senior forward Mary Taylor (16.7 ppg, 5.3 rpg) 5-11 junior Lisa Lang (9.7 ppg, 6 rpg) and 5-10 senior Kim Norman (7 ppg, 4 rpg).

Sophomore center Paulette "Nikki" Monroe, at 6-4, will come off the bench. Senior Kelly Smith

will start at point guard and junior Kim Pehlke (8.3 ppg) is in the second guard slot. Sophomore Renee Westmoreland comes off the bench in a key role as a scorer.

Miami of Ohio finished 23-5 last season and won the regular season title in the Mid-American Conference but were snubbed by the NCAA Selection Committee after losing in the MAC Tournament.

Four Redskins are scoring in double figures — 5-7 forward Adrienne Spatts (17 ppg), 6-0 senior forward Jenny Higgins (14 ppg), 6-1 center Julie Howell (16 ppg), and 5-7 guard Heidi Bloomberg (15 ppg).

Wisconsin-Green Bay finished 16-13 last season, and like Miami of Ohio, returns four starters. Illinois (5-13 last year) mirrors the Lady Toppers in some ways. "Illinois is a lot like ourselves," Sanderford said. "They're young. They've got a new coach.

But I'm just worried about tonight."

Women	
WAHINE CLASSIC	
Final at Honolulu	
NORTH CAROLINA STATE 100 (45-55)	
— Parker 18, Gibson 8, K. Kuzemski 2, Nester 7, Stinson 32, J. Kuzemski 4, Manning 18, Mapp 11, Whyte 2.	
WESTERN KENTUCKY 78 (52-24)	
Westmoreland 2, Bland 2, Smith 5, Berryman 5, Pehlke 7, Taylor 18, Houk 2, Robinson 12, Monroe 14, Lang 7, Abell 2.	
3-point goals — Nester 1, Pehlke 2.	
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# Lady Tops claim Illini Classic

A Daily News report

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — When senior forward Mary Taylor fouled out last week against N.C. State in the finals of the Wahine Invitational Tournament in Hawaii, Western started to fade.

But Saturday in the championship game of the Illini Classic against Illinois, Taylor, the tournament's MVP, made her presence known longer. She scored 19 points in 21 minutes to lead the Lady Toppers to an 87-76 victory.

"Mary Taylor had another outstanding tournament," Western coach Paul Sanderford said. "She played like a senior and we need

that every night out."

Western reached the finals by defeating Miami of Ohio 55-46 Friday. Taylor had 14 points and 10 rebounds in the opener.

But the Lady Toppers (3-1) had an even point-distribution chart Saturday as 12 players played and they all scored. Junior Kim Pehlke had 10 points as Western's only other double-figure scorer.

"I thought it was a total team effort (Saturday)," Sanderford said. "We made much better use of our bench and we were more patient offensively."

Western led by six at intermission (41-35) and opened up a 65-49 ad-

vantage with 8:18 to play.

Western's Kim Norman also made the All-Tournament team.

The Lady Toppers will play Indiana State at Diddle Arena at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Western (87) — Renee Westmoreland 3-5 0-0 3-5 9, Latonia Bland 1-3 0-1 4-4 6, Kelly Smith 1-1 0-0 3-4 5, Jennifer Berryman 3-4 0-0 2-2 8, Kim Pehlke 4-9 2-2 0-0 10, Kim Norman 4-8 0-0 0-2 8, Mary Taylor 9-11 0-0 1-1 19, Debbie Houk 1-2 0-0 0-0 2, Lea Robinson 3-6 0-0 0-0 6, Paulette Monroe 2-9 0-0 0-2 4, Lisa Lang 3-5 0-0 0-2 6. Totals 35-65 2-3 15-24 87.

Illinois (76) — Jill Esty 2-10 0-0 0-0 4, Arlene Roach 0-1 0-0 0-2 0, Tonya Booker 3-10 2-4 5-6 13, Sharon Marquardt 0-0 0-0 0-0 0, Vicki Klingler 2-3 0-0 0-0 4, Mandy Cunningham 7-18 4-7 1-1 19, Sarah Sharp 2-4 0-0 0-0 4, Monica Cundiff 4-8 0-0 4-4 12, Kate Riley 2-8 0-0 2-5 6, Sonya Waters 6-10 0-0 0-0 12. Totals 28-72 6-11 14-18 76.

Halftime — Western 41, Illinois 35. Rebounds — Western 41 (Norman 8), Illinois 39 (Klingler 8). Total fouls — Western 19, Illinois 19. Fouled out — none. Assists — Illinois 21 (Esty 11), Western 19 (Norman 6). Att. — 1,161.

## Defense sparks Lady Toppers; Murray, Indiana post victories

From Special Dispatches

C.S. 12-1-76  
The Western Kentucky University women's basketball team limited Miami of Ohio to 15 second-half points en route to a 55-46 first-round victory in the Illini Invitational last night in Champaign, Ill.

"I told the girls after the game that the mark of a good team is to find a way to win, even when you are playing bad," Western coach Paul Sanderford said. "We did that tonight."

The Lady Toppers (3-1) committed 32 turnovers to 26 by Miami (1-2).

"It wasn't pretty," Sanderford said, "but I'm not going to give it back."

Mary Taylor led Western with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Adrienne Spatz scored 19 points for Miami, which returned four starters from a team that won 23 games last season.

**Murray State 65, Bethel 47:**

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Senior forward Michelle Wenning sparked a 13-0 Murray run in the second half and lifted the Lady Racers past the visiting Tennessee school.

Bethel (3-2) had taken a 28-24 lead at 17:15 in the second half on a three-pointer by Kristie Walker. But Wenning, who also grabbed 10 rebounds, scored five of her 15 points to spark Murray's run.

Tawnya Pierce led Murray (2-3) with 16 points.

**Indiana 78, Creighton 57:** Indiana (4-0) made 18 of 25 free throws to down visiting Creighton, which shot 4 of 12 from the line.

Creighton (2-2) committed 28 turnovers to IU's 21.

Senior forward Zan Jefferies led IU with 24 points. Kathy Halligan's 17 points led Creighton.

#### ILLINI INVITATIONAL

At Champaign, Ill.

**WESTERN KENTUCKY 55 (29-26) —** Westmoreland 12, Smith 0, Berryman 0, Pehlke 8, Norman 9, Taylor 14, Robinson 2, Monroe 6, Lang 4.

**MIAMI, Ohio 46 (31-15) —** Blomberg 4, Smith 2, Spatz 19, Higgins 10, Seiple 6, Howell 2, Oberhauser 1, Fochia 2. 3-point goals — Westmoreland 2, Spatz 3.



# Pehlke finds jumper in WKU's win over ISU

By ANDY DENNIS 12-5-90  
Daily News Sports Writer

Maybe somebody picked up Kim Pehlke's jumpshot at the cleaners Tuesday. It's apparently been cleaned and pressed.

The Western Kentucky junior guard, after hitting 35 percent from the field this season going into Tuesday's game with Indiana State at Diddle Arena, lit up her long-range shooting touch, albeit in moderation, and led the Lady Toppers (5-1) to an easy 86-71 victory in their first home game.

"I'm glad I got it back," Pehlke said. "Tonight was the first night, including exhibitions, that I felt like I shot well."

Pehlke was 6 of 8 from the field, including a three-pointer, and scored 15 points to lead a balanced Western attack.

On a night filled with big Western leads, fans had few exciting moments. But Pehlke tickled the crowd with some shiny passes. A no-look pass to forward Lisa Lang with 18 minutes and 58 seconds remaining in the second half gave the Lady Toppers a 45-25 lead.

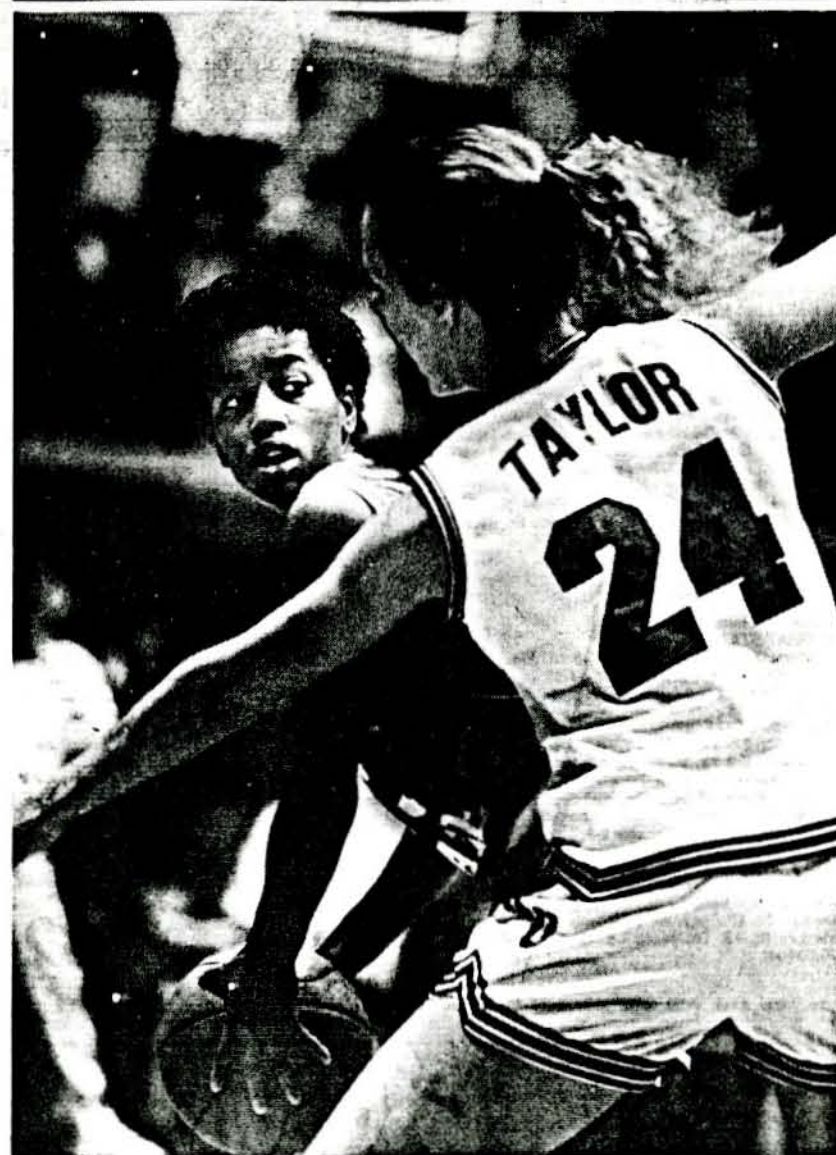
On Western's next possession, Pehlke, on a fastbreak, looked right, threw a cross-court bounce pass to Lang for a layup — 47-25 Western.

The burst of flashes wasn't over. The next trip down, Pehlke slid a wrap-around pass to 6-foot-4 center Paulette Monroe on the block for an easy basket.

Western coach Paul Sanderford also was impressed with the play of Kim Norman and Monroe, who scored 12 points and had nine rebounds. Monroe also guarded Indiana State's Julie Lein, who was averaging 18.8 points a game. Monroe held the Sycamores' star to 15 points.

"We did a nice job inside on Lein," Sanderford said. "Fifteen points, it may not sound that way, but a lot of those she got in the last four or five minutes."

The Sycamores (3-2) bowed to Western's defensive pressure, which was man-to-man full-court in the



Staff Photo by Alex Chard

**WESTERN FORWARD** Mary Taylor (24) hounds Indiana State's Hazel Olden during the Lady Toppers' home opener Tuesday at Diddle Arena. Olden scored a game-high 19 points, but Western jumped ahead early and routed the Sycamores 86-71.

first half. "They just totally took us out of our offense in the first half," Sycamores coach Kay Riek said. "We knew coming into Western Kentucky it was going to be a tough game. They're 10 points better here."

Indiana State had opened its season by beating Tennessee Tech, Nevada-Reno, and Memphis State. Their loss came to Indiana. "That's a good basketball team we beat (Tuesday)," Sanderford said. "They're going to beat some people, I guarantee you."

Against a top 25 team, Western may not have been so lucky Tuesday. The Lady Toppers had 29 turnovers compared to Indiana State's 25.

"I'm not taking anything away from Indiana State," Pehlke said.

"But if we played that way against a top 25 team, we would have lost."

Lang had 12 points and nine rebounds for Western and sophomore guard Renee Westmoreland added 10. Western shot 57 percent from the field.

**INDIANA STATE (71)** — Savonda Averette 3-7 0-0 1-3 7, Althea Brown 2-8 0-0 0-0 4, Julie Lein 4-7 0-0 7-8 15, Mychaela Brandie 0-5 0-0 0-0 0, Hazel Olden 8-14 1-4 2-4 19, Patricia Williams 0-1 0-0 0-0 0, Kim Danner 3-4 1-1 3-6 10, Nicole Frye 4-6 0-0 2-2 10, Jeanie James 0-2 0-0 0-0 0, Jennifer Daugherty 0-0 0-0 0-1 0, Angie Eichhorst 2-7 1-2 1-4 6, Tonya Hamilton 0-0 0-0 0-0 0. Totals — 26-61 3-7 16-28 71.

**WESTERN (86)** — Mary Taylor 4-8 0-0 0-0 8, Lisa Lang 5-6 0-0 2-2 12, Paulette Monroe 5-12 0-0 2-3 12, Kelly Smith 3-4 1-1 0-0 7, Kim Pehlke 6-8 1-3 2-2 15, Renee Westmoreland 5-9 0-1 0-0 10, Latonia Bland 1-1 0-0 0-0 2, Jennifer Berryman 2-4 0-0 0-0 4, Nancy Crutcher 0-1 0-0 0-0 0, Kim Norman 4-10 0-0 0-0 8, Debbie Houk 0-0 0-0 0-0 0, Lee Robinson 3-4 0-0 0-1 6, Lori Abell 1-1 0-0 0-0 2. Totals — 39-68 2-5 8 86.

Halftime — Western 43, Indiana State 25. Rebounds — Western 43 (Lang, Monroe 9), Indiana State 31 (Lein 7). Assists — Western 21 (Norman 5), Indiana State 14 (Danner 5). Fouls — Western 25, Indiana State 14. Fouled out — none. Att. — 1,800.

# Taylor is MVP again as Western wins crown

From Special Dispatches  
C.J. 12-2-90

Mary Taylor scored 19 points to boost Western Kentucky to an 87-76 victory over Illinois in the championship game of the Illini Invitational women's college basketball tournament yesterday in Champaign, Ill.

Taylor, a forward, hit 9 of 11 shots to earn tournament Most Valuable Player honors for the second week-

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

end in a row. She won the same honor last weekend at the Wahine Invitational.

"Mary Taylor had another outstanding tournament," Western coach Paul Sanderford said. "She played like a senior, and we need that every night out."

Western (4-1) led 41-35 at half-time, then stretched the advantage to 21 points in the second half and coasted home.

"I thought it was a total team effort," Sanderford said. "We made much better use of our bench and were more patient offensively."

The Lady Toppers hit 54 percent from the field while holding Illinois (1-3) to 39 percent. Mandy Cunningham led Illinois with 19 points. The only other Western player in double figures was guard Kim Pehlke with 10 points.

Joining Taylor and Cunningham on the all-tourney team was Western's Kim Norman, who handed out six assists and grabbed eight rebounds in the title game.



# Lady Tops bring road act home

By ANDY DENNIS 12-4-90  
Daily News Sports Writer

The Western Lady Toppers have beaten last year's demons early this season — opponents away from Diddle Arena.

After being 5-9 on the road during 1989-90's 17-12 campaign, the Lady Toppers are 4-1 this season. All five games have been away from Diddle, which is quite a change from years past.

Western has never played two consecutive games away from Diddle to start the season.

"I purposely scheduled five straight road games," Western coach Paul Sanderford said after putting his team through a grueling workout Monday at Diddle Arena.

"I wanted us to get away from that mindset of not being able to win away from Diddle Arena. I told our kids we could play (on courts at Western dormitory) Pearce-Ford Tower and it wouldn't make any difference."

Junior guard Kim Pehlke, who has struggled from the field this season, said Western's trip to Hawaii last week helped boost the team's confidence.

"Those two big tournaments in a row (Wahine Invitational and Illini Classic) set the pace for the year," Pehlke said. "Last year we couldn't win on the road. I have no doubt we can win in Diddle."

The Lady Toppers finished second in the Wahine Invitational in Honolulu last week and won the Illini Classic during the weekend. At 7:30 tonight, Western gets a shot at its first home opponent — Indiana State.

The Sycamores are 3-1. Their only loss came by eight points to Indiana. And this year, the Sycamores, who return all five starters from last season, have won the Nevada-Reno Tournament and have beaten Tennessee Tech, who finished 26-5 last year as the Ohio Valley Conference champions.

Western, who also beat Tennessee Tech last season, mauled ISU last season in Terre Haute, 70-49.

Western will have a little different look for the Sycamores tonight. Four Lady Toppers — senior forward Mary Taylor, sophomore Renee Westmoreland, junior forward Jennifer Berryman, and freshman forward Lea Robinson all are shooting better than 50 percent from the field.

Last season's Lady Toppers shot 43 percent as a team with only one player (Taylor) hitting on better than 50 percent.

But Pehlke, one of Western's biggest outside shooting threats, is hitting only 35 percent from the field. "My shooting hasn't been on like it should," she said. "I've had (things) on my mind like academics, finals. (But) I have confidence in my shooting."

As a team, Western seems confident. Senior forward Kim Norman, who has lost 10 pounds, which she

says has made her quicker and a better jumper, says the Lady Toppers have moved their game up a notch since last year.

"I don't think we really have a weakness," she said. "We've got depth ... everyone's starting to come together. It's easier to play well that way."

Freshman Debbie Houk, part of Western's recruiting class, which has been rated as one of the top 20 in the nation, says the attitude of this year's team has made her transition from high school to college easier.

"It's like having 15 sisters on the floor," Houk said. "We've got the season started off really well."

## Notes

Taylor leads Western with 16.6 points per game. Taylor, along with junior Lisa Lang and Norman, averages more than six rebounds.

Nine Lady Toppers are averaging in double-figures in minutes played this season.

# Unranked Lady Toppers in strange territory

By ANDY DENNIS 12-7-90  
Daily News Sports Writer

At this point in the basketball season, Western Kentucky's Lady Toppers usually are ranked in the Associated Press Top 25. This year, after a 5-1 start, they're not. At least not yet.

"There are six, seven teams in the Top 20 I'd like to play tonight," Western coach Paul Sanderford said after practice Wednesday. "It's still

early, but I feel like we belong there."

Heading into Saturday's game with West Virginia in Morgantown, W.Va., several Lady Toppers agreed, although they tempered their remarks with patience.

"It (being left out of Tuesday's AP poll) was mentioned and discussed around the team," senior point guard Kelly Smith said. "As a senior (being ranked) is important ...

but what's important is where you are at the end of the season."

Western has beaten Utah, Hawaii, Illinois, Miami of Ohio and Indiana State, none of which are ranked nationally. But all the wins, except for Indiana State, were on the road. Utah and Miami of Ohio made the NCAA Tournament field last season.

Sophomore guard Renee Westmoreland said the team isn't

focusing on the lack of recognition — yet. "If we are in the Top 10 in March and in the NCAA Tournament, that's our goal," she said. "I think we should be in the Top 25."

"I've seen teams that are 0-2, 0-3 that are ranked. That's discouraging."

Western's early snubbing by

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voters in the poll may have stemmed from the Lady Toppers' loss to N.C. State in the championship of the Wahine Invitational in Hawaii two weeks ago.

The Wolfpack, ranked No. 8 at the time, beat Western by 22 points, but left most starters in the game until the end, which irked Sanderford and the coaching staff. Western had a 9-point lead in the second half before falling 100-78.

N.C. State was ranked third in this week's poll after drubbing No. 6 Tennessee by 23 in Knoxville.

Maryland, 3-2 and ranked No. 23, has lost to unranked Richmond and Virginia Commonwealth. Picked last in the Sun Belt Conference, VCU beat Maryland by 17 points. Texas, a perennial powerhouse in women's basketball, is ranked 20th and hasn't won a game (0-3).

"Out of sight, out of mind is a pretty good scenario," Sanderford said, describing the problems a team could face if not ranked when the NCAA Tournament rolls around.

With a 40-team field in the NCAA bash in March, being ranked is even more critical, Sanderford said. If Western was to lose in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, an at-large bid would be the only ticket and it would come harder without being ranked.

But Sanderford and the Lady Toppers aren't anywhere near panic. Western heads to West Virginia with some prime time opportunities ahead. Beating the Lady Mountaineers, who bopped Western out of the NCAA Tournament on Western's home floor in 1989, would help boost the Lady Toppers into the national limelight again.

"I'd like us to be 7-1 when we play Long Beach (Dec. 16 at Diddle Arena)," Sanderford said.

That in itself would probably guarantee Top 25 billing. Beating 11th-ranked Long Beach would inscribe Western Kentucky into the pollsters' minds. Fifty-six college coaches vote on the poll each week.

The Lady Mountaineers finished 19-10 last season and have four starters returning. "They are a good basketball team," Sanderford said. "They are a physical basketball team like Miami of Ohio but more talented."

Two of the top Lady Mountaineers, 6-foot-2 forward Donna Abbott and Rosemary Kosiorek, both sophomores, are tremendous players, Sanderford said.

In a game Tuesday night:

**Western Kentucky 86, Indiana State 71:** Junior guard Kim Pehlke hit 6 of 8 shots and scored 15 points to lead the Lady Toppers (5-1) in their home debut.

Lisa Lang and Paulette Monroe added 12 each and Renee Westmoreland scored 10 to help give Paul Sanderford his 197th victory as a head coach.

Western, which shot 57.6 percent from the field, raced ahead 10-2 and led 43-25 at halftime. C.J. 12-6-90

## Women

At Bowling Green, Ky.  
INDIANA STATE 71 (25-46) — Averette 7, Brown 4, Linn 15, Olden 19, Danner 10, Frye 10, Eichhorst 6.  
WESTERN KENTUCKY 86 (43-43) — Taylor 8, Lang 12, Monroe 12, Smith 7, Pehlke 15, Westmoreland 10, Bland 2, Berryman 4, Norman 8, Robinson 6, Abell 2.  
3-point goals — Olden 1, Danner 1, Eichhorst 1, Smith 1, Pehlke 1.

## Late Wednesday C.J.

At Bowling Green  
BOWLING GREEN 77 — Watson 2-2 0-0 4, Moore 10-13 3-7 23, Colbert 0-1 0-0 0, Venable 2-13 4-4 8, Whiteman 2-8 0-0 6, Crump 0-2 0-0 0, Huger 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 7-18 2-4 17, T. Hall 6-7 0-2 12, Burnett 1-5 0-0 3, Kizer 2-5 0-0 4, J. Hall 0-1 0-0 0, Street 0-1 0-0 0. Totals — 32-77 9-17 77.  
WESTERN KENTUCKY 90 — Mee 3-8 3-4 10, Jennings 6-16 3-4 15, K. Brown 3-8 4-7 10, Palm 4-8 3-4 13, Lightfoot 5-9 6-8 21, Elutis 0-1 0-0 0, Burns 3-7 0-0 8, Butts 1-2 0-0 3, Boley 1-5 0-0 2, Tompkins 3-11 1-1 8. Totals — 29-75 20-28 90.  
Halftime — Bowling Green 37, Western Kentucky 36. 3-point goals — Bowling Green 4-16 (Venable 0-5, Whiteman 2-6, Johnson 1-2, Burnett 1-3), Western Kentucky 12-32 (Mee 1-3, Jennings 0-4, Palm 2-5, Lightfoot 5-7, Burns 2-8, Butts 1-2, Boley 0-1, Tompkins 1-4). Rebounds — Bowling Green 54 (Moore 14), Western Kentucky 48 (Mee, Tompkins 9). Assists — Bowling Green 14 (Venable 6), Western Kentucky 17 (Palm 5). A — 3,800. 12-7-90



# Westmoreland hits buzzer-beater to lift Western

Special to The Courier-Journal

Sophomore guard Renee Westmoreland hit a three-point shot at the buzzer to lift Western Kentucky over West Virginia 63-62 in a women's college basketball game yesterday at Morgantown, W. Va.

"I knew the shot was going in when it left my hands," said Westmoreland, Indiana's Miss Basketball in 1989. "Kim (Norman) gave me a good pass, and I just took two steps and let it fly."

Western (6-1) trailed most of the game until senior forward Mary Taylor, Kentucky's Miss Basketball in 1987, hit two free throws with 4:15 left to put the Lady Toppers up 58-57.

With the score tied at 60, West Virginia (1-3) held the ball until Rosemary Kosiorek lobbed a pass to center Ann Murray, who turned and put in the layup with three seconds left.

"That lob pass we let go inside... was just a total defensive breakdown on our part," Western coach Paul Sanderford said. "She (Mur-

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ray) should have never gotten the ball."

Western called two timeouts to set up the game-winning play: a pass in to Norman, who dished the ball to Westmoreland.

"We were very fortunate to win," Sanderford said. "We got the break at the end and got it in the right person's hands."

**Howard 59, Eastern Kentucky 55:** Forward Karen Wilkins scored 15 points as Howard (2-3) held off Eastern Kentucky in the Mid-America Classic consolation game in Columbia, Mo.

Eastern (3-3) led 31-27 at the half, but poor shooting plagued the Lady Colonels in the second half. They hit only 10 of 36 field-goal attempts after the intermission. Eastern overall hit only 31 percent from the field (22 of 72).

Forward Kelly Cowan led Eastern

with 18 points.

**Morehead State 85, Appalachian State 79:** Morehead State, which shot just 37 percent in the second half, held off visiting Appalachian State.

The Lady Eagles took a 46-28 halftime lead on 54 percent shooting, while Appalachian State was held to 25 percent shooting.

But Appalachian State mounted a comeback in the second half, including hitting 6 of 7 from three-point range, but couldn't prevail.

Julie Magrane scored 21 points to lead Morehead State, while B.J. Bradford and Beth Ousley added 18 and 16 points, respectively.

Appalachian State was paced by Shannon Thomas' 28 points. Karen Gruca added 21 points, hitting 4 of 7 from three-point range.

**Memphis State 87, Murray State 84:** Murray State's Julie Pinson missed a three-pointer with 10 seconds left and host Memphis State ran the clock out for the victory in the consolation game of the Lady Tiger Classic.

Memphis State (1-4) turned the ball over with 18 seconds left, giving Murray State (3-6) a chance to tie the score.

Murray State had a 78-74 lead with about four minutes remaining, but the Lady Tigers went on a 9-0 run and maintained its advantage.

The Lady Racers played without second-leading scorer Tawnya Pierce, who is suffering from a stomach flu. The senior forward averages nearly 12 points a game.

Junior guard Freda Fields scored 18 points for Memphis State.

Freshman Jennifer Parker led Murray with 18 points.

**Bellarmino 74, Franklin 65:** Sharonda O'Bannon scored 22 points and pulled down 17 rebounds to lead Bellarmine past visiting Franklin.

Missy Hahn added 16 points for the Belles.

Franklin (4-1) was paced by Hope Hershberger's 18 points and nine rebounds and six assists. Amy Wheeler added 16 points.

At Morgantown, W. Va.  
**WESTERN KENTUCKY 63 (28-35)** — Taylor 9, Lang 9, Monroe 10, Pehike 8, Smith 1, Robinson 2, Norman 10, Westmoreland 12, Berryman 2.  
**WEST VIRGINIA 62 (34-28)** — Abbott 12, Wilson 7, Murray 8, Branham 9, Kosiorek 17, Quertinmont 2, Parry 3, Zarl 2, Tillman 2, Neal 0, Runner 0.  
**3-point goals** — Pehike 1, Westmoreland 2, Branham 1.  
**Mid-America Classic**

# Buzzer trey makes Lady Toppers 6-1

A Daily News report

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — This shot wasn't heard 'round the world. In fact, only 525 people in the West Virginia University Coliseum might have had a chance to actually hear it go in.

But Western Lady Topper Renee Westmoreland said she had a strange feeling something good was going to happen after a timeout with three seconds remaining Saturday. The Lady Toppers trailed West Virginia 62-60.

"I knew the shot was going in when it left my hands," Westmoreland said of her 25-foot three-pointer at the buzzer that lifted Western past the Mountaineers, 63-62, Saturday. "Right after we came on the floor after the timeout, I had this feeling... 'just give me the ball.'"

Western coach Paul Sanderford called the timeout after West Virginia's Anna Tillman had scored to put the Mountaineers ahead 62-60. It seemed Western's comeback

from 10 points behind had fallen short.

But senior forward Kim Norman's in-bounds pass reached Westmoreland, who raced up court about five feet behind the three-point stripe and launched a running trey to seal Western's sixth win in seven games.

"The thing I like about this basketball team is it finds a way to win," Sanderford said. "In Hawaii, I thought we found ways to win and we found a way to win here (Saturday)."

Western struggled early and fell behind by 10 points in each half. Each time the Mountaineers threatened to open a bigger lead, the Lady Toppers battled back.

Mountaineers guard Rosemary Kosiorek, who led all scorers with 17 points, put West Virginia ahead 38-28 early in the second half.

But Western reeled off three straight baskets — two by forward Lisa Lang — and the West Virginia threat subsided.

The Mountaineers led 38-34 at the 17-minute mark. From that point, the Mountaineers' biggest lead reached seven points on several occasions. The Lady Toppers, meanwhile, never led in the game until senior forward Mary Taylor nailed two free throws with 4:15 remaining to give Western a shaky 58-57 advantage.

The game was tied at 58, then at 60 before the final game heroics by West Virginia's Tillman and Westmoreland.

Sanderford, however, wasn't pleased with his team's effort. "I don't think we were ready to play, and that's my fault," he said. "It's my job to get them ready to play. Our kids came out today, and for the first time, we didn't have that fire in our eyes."

"We're a better basketball team than West Virginia. They always play us tough... We should not have had ourselves in that situation."

Westmoreland led the Lady Toppers with 12 points, all of which

came in the second half. Paulette Monroe and Norman added 10 apiece for Western.

West Virginia, who got 12 points from 6-foot-2 forward Donna Abbott, fell to 1-3.

The Lady Toppers, who have played six of their seven games on the road this season, will have a week off until a five-game home stand begins Friday with Ohio University at Diddle Arena.

"We're certainly going to enjoy that time at home," Sanderford said.

**WESTERN (63)** — Mary Taylor 3-8 0-0 3-4 9, Lisa Lang 4-10 0-0 1-2 9, Paulette Monroe 5-13 0-0 0-0 10, Kim Pehike 3-7 1-2 1-2 8, Kelly Smith 0-2 0-0 1-2 1, Lee Robinson 1-3 0-0 0-0 2, Kim Norman 4-8 0-0 2-2 10, Renee Westmoreland 5-9 2-4 0-0 12, Jennifer Berryman 0-4 0-0 2-2 2, Totals — 25-64 3-6 10-14 63.  
**WEST VIRGINIA (62)** — Donna Abbott 4-12 0-0 4-6 12, Lori Wilson 3-5 0-0 1-2 7, Ann Murray 4-5 0-0 0-0 8, Jocelyn Branham 3-12 1-2 2-2 9, Rosemary Kosiorek 8-16 0-3 1-2 17, Lori Quertinmont 1-3 0-1 0-1 2, Tina Parry 1-2 0-0 1-2 3, Jo Zarl 1-2 0-0 0-0 2, Anna Tillman 1-3 0-0 0-0 2, Selesse Neal 0-1 0-0 0-0 0, Jodie Runner 0-0 0-0 0-0 0, Totals — 26-61 1-6 9-15 62.  
**Halftime** — W. Virginia 34, Western 28. **Three-point goals** — Western 3-6 (Pehike 1-2, Westmoreland 2-4). W. Virginia 1-6 (Branham 1-2, Kosiorek 0-3, Quertinmont 0-1). **Rebounds** — Western 43 (Monroe 10), W. Virginia 39 (Abbott 10). **Assists** — W. Virginia 14 (Kosiorek 5), Western 13 (Smith 4). **Total fouls** — Western 18, W. Virginia 14. **Fouled out** — none. **Att.** — 525.



## Western women open homestand against Ohio U.

C.J.  
From Special Dispatches  
12-14-90

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — After playing six of its first seven games on the road, the Western Kentucky women's basketball team is home for five straight, starting with tonight's 8:30 EST game against Ohio University.

Paul Sanderford needs just two

victories to reach 200 as Lady Toppers head coach. Ohio U. is 2-3.

If Western (6-1) wins tonight, Sanderford will get a shot at No. 200 against 11th-ranked Long Beach State (4-1) at 3:30 p.m. EST Sunday.

"Sure, I'd like to be in a position to win my 200th against a great team like Long Beach," Sanderford said, "but what is more important to

me is that we capitalize on the opportunity to play a Top 10 (level) team."

The rest of the homestand includes the Bowling Green Bank Invitational Dec. 28 and 30, and a Jan. 6 game against St. Louis. The invitational field also includes Minnesota, Western Carolina and nationally ranked Stephen F. Austin.

## Lady Toppers, 6-1, snubbed in AP poll

Western Kentucky's Lady Toppers were again left out of the Associated Press' Top 25 rankings.

Western edged West Virginia, 63-62, on a last-second Renee Westmoreland three-pointer on Saturday to move to 6-1.

"Actually," Lady Topper coach Paul Sanderford said this morning, "we probably don't deserve to be in the Top 25 after the way we played in West Virginia this weekend."

"I don't know how big a deal it is. I feel like we're better than some of the teams in there, but I think we'll really see if we're a Top 25 team this weekend when we play Long Beach State."

Long Beach State, 4-1 and ranked 11th in the new poll, visits Diddle Arena 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

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# Sanderford reveals 'lights-out' plan

By ERIC WOEHLE  
Daily News Sports Writer

Paul Sanderford said his game plan against Long Beach State today would be "to shoot the lights out." And after Friday night's game, there's reason to believe him.

Diddle Arena lost power for more than an hour Friday night after Kelly Smith sunk a fall-away jumper a little more than a minute into the game with Ohio University.

The outage likely had more to do with fallen utility lines downtown, but the Lady Toppers did shoot well — 52.2 percent from the field — in the 99-77 win.

Similar proficiency will be necessary for Western Kentucky to spoil Long Beach State's Bowling Green visit.

Long Beach is 5-1 and 11th in the nation, according to both the Associated Press and USA Today.

Not that Sanderford gives too much credence to the AP or USA Today. Both rankings have snubbed his Lady Toppers — 7-1, all but two of their games played on the road.

"In practice this week, we've

been talking a lot about respect," Sanderford said. "I don't feel we've received the respect we deserve nationally. But we certainly are going to respect our opponents."

Long Beach State is led by Penny Moore, a 6-1 senior forward who is averaging 15.2 points and 9.2 rebounds a game. She missed the team's last game because of a bout with pneumonia and is questionable for today's game.

The leading rebounder for the 49ers is Kari Parriott, the 6-2 senior center who averages 11.8 per game. She chips in 14.2 points, as well.

Trise Jackson, a 5-6 junior, averages 18.5 points.

As a team, Long Beach averages 56 rebounds and 88 points a game. Western's team averages: 40.5 rebounds and 77.5 points.

"There is no question this is a big test for us," Sanderford said.

Paulette Monroe, the Lady Toppers' regular center, may not play today. The 6-4, 205-pound sophomore has an injured foot.

"She may play some," Sanderford said. "She has a steel insert

in her shoe to keep her from bending the foot, and that costs her some mobility.

"We missed her tonight," he said after the Ohio game. "A couple of times I was looking down the bench, and it looked pretty thin. We miss that bulk. Her strength is very important to this team."

In Monroe's absence, Kim Norman and Jennifer Berryman stepped-up their games. Norman had 13 points and 11 rebounds, Berryman 12 points and six rebounds.

"This is one of the most physical teams we will play," Ohio coach Marsha Reall said after the game that dropped her team to 2-4. "We also have a lot of respect for their depth."

Sanderford had been concerned before the Ohio game that his team would be flat after a week's worth of finals and may be looking toward Long Beach State.

"All of that combined with the lights going out, I felt like we did a nice job in a bad situation," Sanderford said.

Most of the estimated 2,000 fans

who had shown for the game left during the hour delay. But the ones who stayed tried to make the best of it.

Western's band played Christmas carols. The cheerleaders tried to lead a wave with a flashlight.

The Lady Toppers were up 6-2 when the lights went out, making the situation even more curious to university president Thomas Meredith.

"This the kind of thing that's supposed to happen when you're down by four at home," Meredith quipped.

OHIO (77)

Weir 6-12 6-7 18, Barrett 5-7 0-1 10, Smith 6-12 3-6 15, Holt 1-1 2-3 4, Reding 3-8 3-4 10, Carney 0-2 0-0 0, Dunlap 2-3 0-0 4, Schuler 0-1 0-2 0, Petty 1-2 1-2 3, Keller 1-3 2-2 4, Williams 4-9 1-2 9. Totals 29-60 18-29 77.

WESTERN KENTUCKY (99)

Taylor 4-10 3-3 11, Lang 1-5 2-4 4, Norman 6-10 1-2 13, Smith 3-6 1-2 7, Pehlke 6-14 0-0 16, Warfield 0-2 0-0 0, Westmoreland 5-9 0-0 13, Bland 1-1 2-4 4, Berryman 5-6 2-3 12, Crutcher 1-1 2-2 4, Houk 0-1 2-2 2, Robinson 2-2 2-2 6, Abell 2-2 3-3 7. Totals 36-69 20-27 99.

Halftime—Western 47, Ohio 28. 3-point goals—Ohio 1-4 (Reding 1-1, Schuler 0-1, Keller 0-2), Western 7-19 (Smith 0-1, Pehlke 4-10, Warfield 0-2, Westmoreland 3-6). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Ohio 32 (Smith 11), Western 46 (Norman 11). Assists—Ohio 14 (Weir 4), Western 22 (Taylor and Westmoreland 4). Total fouls—Ohio 18, Western 25. A—2,000.



PHOTO BY ANDY LYONS

Paul Sanderford gave the signals as Western beat 11th-ranked Long Beach State 83-79 yesterday for his 200th victory as coach of the Lady Hilltoppers.

## Overtime work pays off as Western women win

By JACK BARRY  
Special Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — It didn't start to get pretty for the home team until near the end.

For about 35 minutes of basketball against 11th ranked Long Beach State, there was nothing but hard work and perspiration without reward for Western Kentucky's Lady Hilltoppers.

But from the time Kim Pehlke screamed for the ball and made a three-pointer to spark a key rally, Western took a handsome route to an 83-79 overtime victory.

"This was our biggest game this year," said Pehlke, the former Miss Basketball from Louisville's Doss High who finished with 21 points and seven assists. "It means a lot to us to beat them."

The Lady Toppers played at the end as if they had to win. Long Beach State coach Joan Bonvincini said Western "outhustled us the last five minutes of regulation and the overtime."

Western coach Paul Sanderford's game plan was to slow the tempo in the first half to prevent the Lady 49ers from scoring

tons of points off their vaunted transition game.

"We played them out there a few years ago, and they killed us (107-74) that way," he said.

After blowing a 29-18 lead to trail 36-33 at halftime, Western came out ready to run. "I thought we'd lulled them," Sanderford said. "I hoped we could use our bench to outrun them in the second half."

Sanderford said he didn't really mean to include sophomore Renee Westmoreland when he referred to "our bench." The willowy 5-foot-10 guard from Scottsburg, Ind., played 32 minutes, hitting 5 of 9 shots and scoring 14 points, handing out four assists and making three steals.

And she played a key role in the victory. "With the way she plays and all the things she does, Renee was responsible for 60 percent of our offense," Sanderford said. "I know how good she is at crunch time."

For Western, there was nothing but crunch time from the moment the 49ers

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*In a game Friday night:*  
**Western 99, Ohio U. 77:** Kim Pehlke led five Western players in double figures with 16 points. The game was halted after less than two minutes when a truck hit an electric substation, causing a power outage on Western's campus. When play resumed an hour later, Western (7-1) raced to a 47-28 half-time lead. Ohio U. (2-4) could get no closer than 17 points in the second half. Pehlke, a junior guard from Doss High School, hit four three-pointers. Kim Norman and Renee Westmoreland added 13 points each, Jennifer Berryman 12 and Mary Taylor 11.

## Western women win in overtime

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Trise Jackson took the ball away from Westmoreland at midcourt — "I knew it had to happen sometime," Westmoreland said — and scored to give Long Beach State its biggest lead, 67-58, with just under five minutes left in regulation.

Western's Kim Norman, who came off the bench to score 20 points and grab 11 rebounds, started the rally with two free throws to make the score 67-60.

Pehlke's three-pointer then made it 67-63. "There was no one in my vicinity," she said. "The closest guard was down under the basket, and I knew I'd be wide open."

Western eventually pulled even at 69 on two free throws by center Mary Taylor, who had 20 points and 13 rebounds.

In the final minute, Norman's 12-foot jumper gave Western its first lead, 71-69, since early in the second half, but the Lady 49ers' Kari Parriott, a 6-4 center, sent the game into overtime with a layup with 30 seconds left.

In the extra period, Western quickly took a 77-71 lead, but Jackson nailed a three-pointer and drove for a layup to make it 77-76 with a minute and a half to go.

Up stepped Westmoreland to connect on her third three-pointer in six attempts to make 80-76. Good free-throw shooting took care of Western the rest of the way.

In addition to making unranked Western (8-1) more attractive to pollsters, the victory also boosted Sanderford to his 200th victory in his 267 games as head coach at Western.

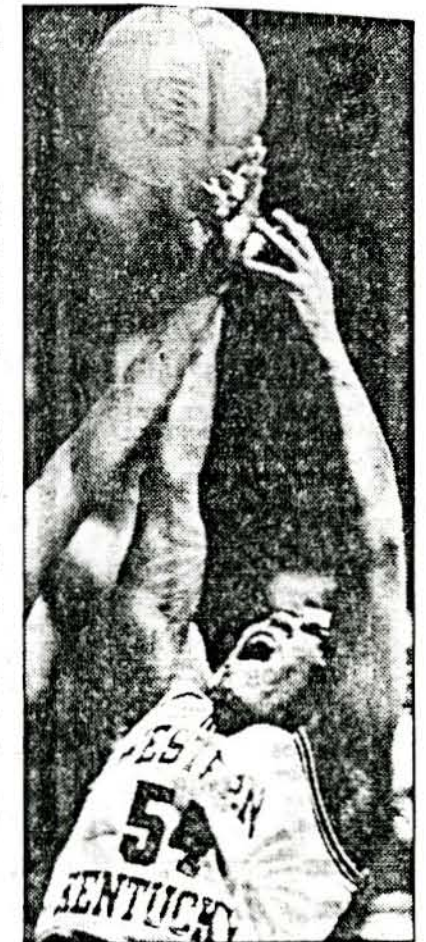


PHOTO BY ANDY LYONS

**Western Kentucky's Lisa Lang battled for a rebound in yesterday's victory over 11th-ranked Long Beach State.**

"I was more interested in win No. 8," Sanderford said. "This was also important because it's the first time in four seasons I'll be able to enjoy Christmas off a 'W'."

**LONG BEACH STATE 79 (36-35-8)** — Harrison 4, Kaludjerovich 12, Parnott 13, Wilkerson 19, Jackson 15, Scott 6, Strange 0, Vrecher 4, Burnett 6.

**WESTERN KENTUCKY 83 (33-38-12)** — Taylor 20, Lang 6, Berryman 1, Pehlke 21, Westmoreland 14, Bland 0, Norman 20, Houk 0, Robinson 1, Abell 0.

**3-point goals** — Jackson 1, Burnett 1, Pehlke 3, Westmoreland 3.



# Lady Toppers crack AP poll at 25th spot

From Daily News and AP reports 12-18-90

It took Western Kentucky coach Paul Sanderford a few extra minutes to earn his 200th victory Sunday when the Hilltoppers (8-1) edged then-No. 11 Long Beach State 83-79 in overtime. But that same triumph also got his team back into the Associated Press women's college basketball poll, for the first time since early last season.

Western Kentucky powered into the 25th slot in the weekly poll announced Monday and bumped back Maryland (5-3). Sanderford is just glad to have his team in the poll.

"It's tough to get in when nobody in the Top 25 is losing," Sanderford said. "We beat a ranked team on Sunday, and I think we deserve to be in the poll this week."

"That doesn't mean I think we're a great basketball team yet. We're a good team getting better."

"But I'm excited to be 8-1 and I'm excited about the progress we've made."

Back at the top, Virginia (6-0),

Women's Top Twenty-Five  
By The Associated Press  
Top Twenty Five women's basketball teams, with first-place votes of 60 women's coaches in parentheses, record through Dec. 16, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote as compiled by Mel Greenberg of The Philadelphia Inquirer:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Virginia (58)	6-0	1,498	1
2. N.C. State (2)	6-0	1,436	2
3. Georgia	6-0	1,376	3
4. Auburn	6-1	1,282	5
5. Purdue	5-0	1,254	4
6. La. Tech	3-1	1,129	7
7. Penn. St.	5-0	1,082	9
8. Northwestern	4-1	1,015	6
9. Tennessee	5-2	1,010	10
10. Arkansas	6-1	911	8
11. Mississippi	5-1	823	10
12. Stanford	3-2	794	12
13. Iowa	6-1	772	15
14. UNLV	4-0	748	14
15. Long Beach St.	5-2	702	11
16. Clemson	6-0	618	16
17. Washington	5-1	511	17
18. Rutgers	6-0	466	18
19. LSU	4-2	376	19
20. N. Illinois	6-1	341	20
21. Texas	3-3	319	21
22. Providence	7-0	264	22
23. Oklahoma St.	8-0	220	24
24. Connecticut	6-2	214	23
25. W. Kentucky	8-1	153	—

Others receiving votes: Maryland 46, Kansas 18, Michigan St. 16, Butler 14, Kentucky 14, DePaul 12, Colorado 10, Southern Cal 10, Florida St. 8, Indiana 8, Montana 8, Tennessee Tech 8, Vanderbilt 8, Nebraska 7, St. Joseph's 6, Central Michigan 5, James Madison 4, Lamar 2, Southwest Missouri St. 2, Stephen F. Austin 2, Georgia Tech 1, Richmond 1.

North Carolina State (6-0) and Georgia (6-0) remained 1-2-3.

# National ranking may be imminent for 8-1 Lady Tops

By ERIC WOEHLE  
Daily News Sports Writer

Recalling the salad days of Lady Topper basketball, Western Kentucky edged No. 11 Long Beach State in overtime Sunday afternoon and made a believer out of at least one women's basketball follower.

"This is a Top 15 team," according to Joe Smith, the director of the Women's Basketball News Service.

Smith watched Western's 83-79 win in Diddle Sunday, as well as the victory over Ohio University Friday night. He sees about four women's games a week.

The Associated Press and USA Today have snubbed the 8-1 Lady Toppers from their weekly rankings so far. But Smith said Western is deserving of mention after its latest win.

"Western is another top-notch guard and a healthy (center Paulette) Monroe away from being a Final Four team," Smith said. "But this is a very good basketball team."

His Final Four picks: Virginia, North Carolina State, Auburn and one of three teams — Georgia, Tennessee or Long Beach.

Western, 9-1, swallowed its lone loss at North Carolina State, ranked second in this week's poll.

After Sunday's game, Kim Pehlke and Kim Norman — two of the biggest factors in the win over Long Beach — said N.C. State and Long Beach were on the same plane.

"I wouldn't want to weigh the two," Pehlke said.

Pehlke was the leading scorer in Sunday's game with 21 points. And as the game neared the end of regulation, it was the Louisville junior guard's leadership that seemed to drive the Lady Toppers' comeback.

With Western down 67-60 with 4:10 to go, the crowd of 2,300 was on its feet as Long Beach State walked the ball up the floor.

After a steal in the backcourt, Pehlke blistered a behind-the-back pass toward a streaking Mary Taylor. But the pass was knocked out of bounds.

A trapping defense began to cave in on point guard Renee Westmoreland when Pehlke screamed for the ball.

"It seemed like an eternity," Pehlke said of her wait for the pass. "I was all alone. I knew I had the three."

Pehlke got the pass, hit the three-pointer and prompted a Long Beach timeout.

With Western trailing 67-63, Penlke drove the lane and was fouled. The first of two free throws rattled in, earning a wink and a high-five from Taylor; the second fell through untouched by the rim.

The Lady Toppers tied the score at 69 when Taylor sunk a pair of free throws, then took the lead when Norman canned a turnaround jumper.

After a timeout by both teams, Long Beach evened the score when 49ers' center Kari Parriott sunk a layup with 30 seconds to go. Western took a timeout.

"What we wanted on the last trip was to dump the ball inside to Kim Norman," Western coach Paul Sanderford said after the game. "She was open for a second, but Pehlke was under a lot of pressure and didn't see her. The worst we wanted was overtime."

Beggars can't be choosers: Pehlke missed badly as the buzzer sounded, and the game went to the fifth period.

Western got the tip. Pehlke pushed a one-handed pass to Taylor, who bottomed a layup to start a 6-0 run.

Long Beach closed to 80-78 when guard Rhonda Wilkerson banked in a 12-foot jumpshot with 50 seconds remaining, but Western hit three of its last four free throws to win.

"I thought they outthrustled us the last five minutes of regulation and in the overtime period," Long Beach coach Joan Bonvicini said after the game. "We looked tired."

Taylor, a senior forward, had 20

points and 13 rebounds. Norman — playing 37 minutes while Monroe remained out with an injured foot — had 20 points and 11 rebounds.

A 40 percent free-throw shooter in just 15 tries until Sunday, the senior Norman hit all eight of her foul shots against Long Beach.

"For a minute, I felt the pressure — our biggest girl (the 6-4 Monroe) out for our biggest game, and I'm supposed to respond," Norman said. "But after I got into the game, I was fine."

"The person I really thought that was the key, though, was Renee Westmoreland," Sanderford said. "She played smart, under control."

The sophomore guard hit consecutive three-pointers off the bench midway through the first half to open a nine-point Lady Topper lead. In the second half — when Western fell behind by as much as nine — Westmoreland had the most success bringing the ball upcourt against the 49ers' pesky pressing defense.

"She handled the pressure very well," Sanderford said.

The win gave Sanderford his 200th win as the Lady Topper coach. It also may pay off when it comes to seeding for the NCAA Tournament.

"We're making strides," Sanderford said. "But we're still a long way away. We need Monroe back. (She was to begin practicing today.) And we need to cut down on the

defensive lapses that we had yesterday."

Pehlke said after the game. "We are becoming the type of team that could challenge for the Final Four. That's our goal this year. It always is. But last year, we knew realistically we weren't ready. This year we know we are."

"We were out to prove a point today," Norman said. Turning to Pehlke with a smile, she added, "And we did it."

LONG BEACH STATE (79)  
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It's been 12 days since the Lady Toppers played their last contest. How that layoff will affect Western Kentucky's women's basketball team in the Bowling Green Bank Invitational this weekend concerns Coach Paul Sanderford.

"I gave them seven days off from

practice, and that's either good or bad," he said. "But if you expect your kids to play well in March, I don't see how you can ask them to play without a break in December. And we definitely want to be playing in March."

Still, Sanderford had to be second-guessing himself Wednesday night.

"When we left for Christmas break, we were a pretty good basketball team. Today, we haven't looked very good at all," he said after a pair of lackluster workouts on the first day back from the layoff.

But Thursday evening, Sanderford was a little more pleased as he left Diddle Arena.

"We looked better today," he

said. "We're getting there." Now the question is if they'll get there in one piece.

The center position is one of concern for the Lady Toppers as they head into Saturday night's opening-round contest with Western Carolina.

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Now it's her backup, Jennifer Berryman, whose status is questionable. The 6-1 junior pulled a groin muscle Wednesday.

Luckily, Western Carolina is not a very big team.

The Catamounts are led by 5-10

senior forward Kelly Parker, who scores better than 13 points a game. Roxanne Williams, a 5-9 senior, adds 11 a contest.

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The Western Carolina game starts at 8 Saturday night.

If Western wins the first game, it would likely face Stephen F. Austin in Sunday's championship. The Ladyjacks, 28-3 last year, play Minnesota in the first round at 6 p.m. Saturday.

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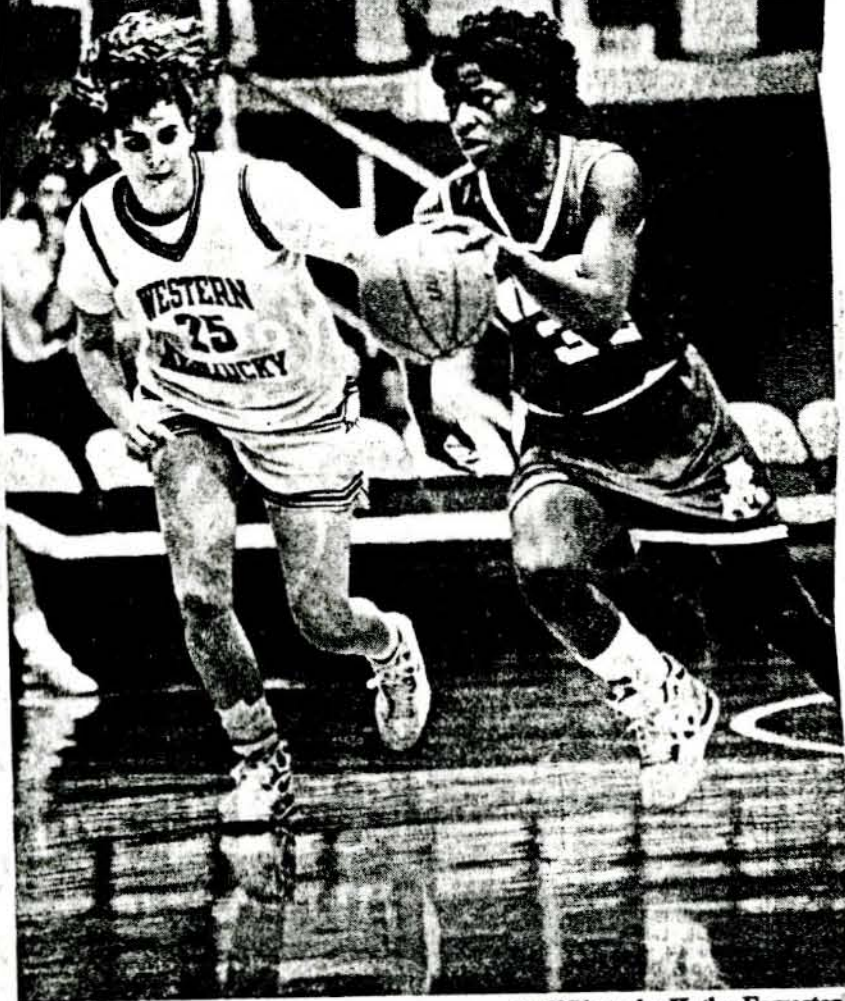
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Winning ugly, they call it. But the key word there is winning.

Western Kentucky's women's basketball team needed every one of the 40 minutes in the championship game of the Bowling Green Bank Invitational to beat Stephen F. Austin, 88-85.

"Coach Sanderford, after the game, he said, 'Ladies, the good lord smiled on us again,'" Kim Norman recalled, managing a smile herself while she sat on a bench in the Diddle Arena training room, her left foot barely visible under a mound of Ace bandage and ice.

"It wasn't pretty, but we'll take it," Paul Sanderford said after his team had moved to 10-1 on the year — the best Lady Topper start since the 1985-86 Final Four squad lost but one of its first 22 contests.

Down, by as many as 17 in the first half, Western didn't draw even with 6-3 Stephen F. Austin until Kim Pehlke hit a 3-pointer to knot things at 84 with 1:16 to go.

"Team effort" were among the first words out of most of the players' mouths after the game in which each had their moments of

both glory and shame.

"Mary Taylor did not play very well defensively in the first half," Sanderford said. "And, of course, I told her as much at halftime."

But in the second half, the senior forward from Benton had 19 points — including seven of her team's nine points in a three-minute stretch about midway through the second half that kept the Lady Toppers in the game.

She joined Western's Renee Westmoreland, Stephen F. Austin's Melissa Peay and Deneen Parker and Minnesota's Ellen Kramer on the all-tournament team.

— Playing with a sprained ankle, Norman hobbled throughout, often getting back late on defense.

But the senior forward had 12 points and 12 rebounds, including two in the final 30 seconds to secure the victory.

— Lisa Lang's defense did not meet Sanderford's expectations. And the junior college transfer in her first year with Western missed the first of a one-and-one free throw opportunity with the Lady Toppers trailing 82-76.

But on the ensuing Stephen F.

Austin offensive trip, Lang read a cross-court pass, intercepted and outran two Ladyjacks for a layup. She finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds. "She was phenomenal," Stephen F. Austin coach Gary Blair said after the game.

Lady Topper practices this season have been more vigorous than in previous years. Taylor said the investment of sweat by the team paid dividends in the physical Sunday game.

"Saturday night (the Lady Tops annihilated Western Carolina 126-48) was not a good judge of if we were ready to come back from the Christmas break. We were flat today, and Stephen F. Austin took advantage of that. But we wore them down in the second half — that's where all that work in practice really pays off."

Westmoreland, MVP of the invitational, said, "None of us played that well. But we hung around and won at the end. This game showed something special about this team."

Even to Sanderford. "I don't know how we did it today, but we're 10-1," he said. "They're starting to make a believer out of me."



Staff Photo by Alex

WESTERN KENTUCKY'S Kim Pehlke defends Ladyjack point guard Stacy Brown in the Lady Toppers' 88-85 win in Diddle Arena. We trailed throughout most of the game but overtook Stephen F. Austin the final two minutes to win its fifth-straight Bowling Green Bank Invitational.

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## Western, Morehead triumph

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BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Kim Pehlke hit two free throws with 20 seconds remaining to seal the 24th-ranked Western Kentucky Lady Toppers' come-from-behind 88-85 victory over Stephen F. Austin in the Bowling Green Bank Tournament title game yesterday.

The Lady Toppers (10-1) trailed the entire game until Lisa Lang hit a baseline jumper with 53 seconds remaining to put Western up 86-85. Pehlke had hit a three-pointer to tie the score at 84 before Melissa Peay's free throw put Stephen F. Austin ahead again.

Western fell behind 24-9 with 13:20 left in the first half, commit-

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ting six turnovers in the first seven minutes. The Lady Toppers fought back to trail 53-47 at halftime but then fell behind 63-49 after five minutes of the second half.

Mary Taylor led Western with 19 points. Peay led Stephen F. Austin (6-3) with 18 points.

**Morehead State 84, Towson State 70:** Julie Magrane scored 17 points and Sondi Eden added 16 as Morehead State topped Towson State in the Diamond Club Classic in Blacksburg, Va.

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## Western moves into Top 25; Belles win fourth straight

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### COLLEGE WOMEN

The Western Kentucky women's basketball team moved into the Associated Press Top 25 — at 25th — for the first time since early last season with its 83-79 overtime victory Sunday over then-No. 11 Long Beach State.

The Lady Toppers (8-1) bumped Maryland (5-3) out of the poll.

Virginia (6-0), North Carolina State (6-0) and Georgia (6-0) remained 1-2-3. Virginia got 58 of 60 first-place votes and 1,498 points from a panel of women's coaches. N.C. State got the other two first-place votes — one more than last week — and 1,436 points. Long Beach State dropped from 11th to 15th in the rankings.

Western's victory was coach Paul Sanderford's 200th at the school.

**Bellarmine 96, Eckerd 72:** The Belles raced to a 49-30 halftime lead in St. Petersburg, Fla., and easily won their fourth in a row. Renata Kuchowicz came off the

bench to lead five Belles in double figures with 16 points. Shannon Miles had 13 points, and Sharonda O'Bannon had 12 points and 12 rebounds. Angie McGlone had 10 points and 10 rebounds. Bellarmine (7-1) outrebounded Eckerd 50-29.

"We played very well early," Bellarmine coach Charlie Just said. "We had a very good first half. We just didn't maintain it for 40 minutes."

Bellarmine plays at St. Leo tonight.

**Roane State 76, Lees 66:** Visiting Roane State (13-2) shot 67 percent from the field for a 10-point victory over Lees (3-5). Gina Wingham scored 23 points for the victors, and Jennifer Gabbard scored 15 points for Lees.